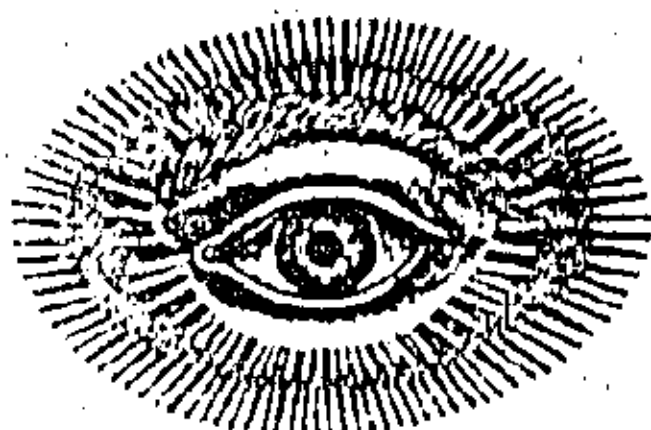


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CRISIS DEVELOPS AT HANKOW.

CHEN MAKES URGENT APPEAL.

A GROWING SHORTAGE OF SUPPLIES.

NORTH DECIDES TO LAUNCH OFFENSIVE.

ANTI-"RED" MEASURES.

The feature of much interesting Chinese news to-day, is that an appeal has been made to the leading foreign business men at Hankow by Mr. Eugene Chen, stressing the necessity for the resumption of business. A notice has been issued by the Nationalist Government there stating that it cannot guarantee the integrity of foreign premises at Hankow which have been vacated by their owners.

There is a growing shortage of coal and rice at Hankow, and all stocks are being commandeered and rationed. There is a growing air of uneasiness owing to reports of a resumption of the Fengtien attack, and the exodus of Chinese is growing.

Taking advantage of the Kuomintang dissensions, the Northern commanders have decided to launch an offensive against Wuhan.

Regarding the Nanking Note, it is reported from Washington that the Chinese reply is still being considered, and that there has so far been no proposal from other Powers regarding a second joint Note to Hankow.

In the course of a very outspoken declaration on Britain's policy in China, Mr. J. O. P. Bland has stated that the attitude of patience and conciliation in China had invariably led to war. He thinks the Hankow agreement should be abrogated, "or worse things will follow."

Hankow, Apr. 21. Almost simultaneously with the issue by the Nationalist Foreign Office of a notice to the various Consulates stating that the Nationalist Government cannot guarantee the integrity of foreign premises in Hankow vacated by their rightful owners, Mr. Eugene Chen, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, called an international meeting of all leading foreign business men.

Various subjects were gone over and Mr. Eugene Chen stressed the necessity for the resumption of business. This matter was discussed thoroughly, but the outcome is not yet known.

In view of the shortage of coal and rice in Hankow, all stocks are being commandeered and rationed. The Government is also collecting all silver.

The 4th, 8th and 10th Armies have been brought from Wuchang and quartered within a kilometre of the south of Hankow.

The general air of uneasiness is still present, and is growing, in the light of the report that the Fengtien, under General Kuio Shan, are advancing from Honan.

Chinese Bankers' Proposal. Shanghai, April 22. The Chinese Bankers' Association of Peking has wired to the Shanghai Chinese Bankers in favour of the Shanghai proposal to sever economic relations with banks in Hankow.

HANKOW CHINESE EXODUS. Financial Panic Imminent. Shanghai, April 21. To-day's wireless news from Hankow states that the Chinese inhabitants are growing more and more uneasy.

The middle classes have all left or are leaving, and a financial panic is probable soon as a result of the Government's embargo on silver. There has been some looting of food in the native city.

The little trade that remained with Shanghai entirely stopped for the reason that there is now no medium of effective payment in currency acceptable by Shanghai.

WUHU STILL QUIET. Desultory Shelling of Hsin Kwan. Wuhu, April 21. There is no sign of further disturbance at Wuhu. There has been nothing to report out of the ordinary for several days.

Nanking, April 21. The desultory shelling of Hsin-kwan from the Pukow side con-

THE CHINA WAR.

North Decides To Attack.

Shanghai, April 22. At a conference in the Hsun-chengwang Palace yesterday, the Fengtien military leaders decided to take advantage of the split in the Nationalist camp to carry on the Southern Expedition.

The conference decided to order the Fengtien army in Honan immediately to advance on Wuhan.

Big military movements are taking place in Shansi in view of the expected general conflict between the Kuomintang from Shensi and Kansu, and the Fengtien.

General Yen Shi-shan, the Shansi Tuchun, has not yet definitely expressed his intention to side with either Fengtien or the Kuomintang, but he has already ordered the general mobilization of troops in his province.

The troops of Wu Pei-fu in Honan, which have been completely routed by the Fengtien, are submitting to the Shansi Tuchun, who has greatly strengthened his force by recruiting most of Wu Pei-fu's army.

A YUNNAN OUTBREAK.

Frenchman Held for Ransom.

Paris, April 21. A message from Hanoi states that the rivalry of two Chinese Generals in Yunnan has resulted in an outbreak which has caused anxiety, as one of the Generals is known to be in close touch with the Cantonese.

Brigands have profited by the chaos to rob and plunder, and 1,500 of them recently cut the railway between Yunnanfu and the French Indo-China frontier.

They kidnapped a French engineer and several other members of the railway staff, and are demanding a ransom for the engineer, who has sent a message that he is alive and well.

BRITISH TRADE POSITION.

Lever Bros. Make A Profit.

London, April 21. It was announced at the annual meeting of Messrs. Lever Brothers that, for the second year in succession, no dividend would be paid on the ordinary shares or co-partnership certificates.

Mr. D'Arcy Cooper, the chairman, said that China presented a difficult picture. Sales had dropped, but it reflected the highest credit on the management and staff at Shanghai that, except during the general strike, their factory was still producing, although the output had diminished.

Despite the adverse figures, they were trading in China at a profit. The meeting unanimously passed the report and balance sheet.

ANTI-"RED" MEASURES.

Whampoa Students' Chance.

Canton, April 21. General Li Chai-sun, who is acting principal of the Whampoa Academy, has been ordered by the Chinese Government to use the most drastic measures in dealing with the "Red" element among Whampoa students.

The school is still surrounded by troops and gunboats, but the "Red" students have merely been warned to repent immediately, and sever relations with the "Reds," and there are no signs that military operations will be taken against these cadets.

Russian Munitions Found.

The garrisons of General Li Chai-sun in Kowloon have reported to Canton the detection of a Russian steamer which carried a large quantity of munitions to Sze-yap for supplying the "Red" peasants.

GEN. HSU TAKES OFFICE.

New Kwangtung Commissioner. Canton, April 21. General Hsu Ching-tang, chief of staff to the 4th Army and Commander of the 13th division, has assumed his new office as Commissioner of Military Affairs of Kwangtung, an appointment which was given to General Hsu as a reward for his services in the recent anti-"Red" coup.

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MEXICAN OUTRAGE HORRORS.

SURVIVORS TELL OF THE BUTCHERY.

GOVERNMENT STATEMENT.

Mexico City, April 21.

Despite the fiendish ruthlessness of the train bandits, about half the passengers escaped from the blazing train at Limon, but it is believed fully 100 perished.

Fifty bodies have hitherto been recovered.

The office of President Calles has issued a statement blaming "Catholic rebels" for the crime, and promising "an energetic pursuit of the priests who received their instructions from the Episcopate of Mexico City."

Eight Government aeroplanes have been ordered to the scene of the calamity to help in the search for the bandits.

Deaths Total 130.

Later. It is now known that 130 passengers perished in the train hold-up reported yesterday.

President Calles has ordered the Minister of War personally to take charge of the operations against the bandits, and to take them dead or alive.

Most ghastly stories of the outrage are related by survivors. The raid was evidently well-planned. As the train approached Limon, a tremendous crash occurred, and the engine and two coaches were derailed at a spot where the track had been torn up. The bandits poured a wild fusil-

ade of bullets into the train. The military escort fought valiantly for three and a half hours, until the last soldier was killed. Bandits armed with revolvers and knives then entered the train, shooting and cutting throats right and left.

After scenes of terrible butchery, the brigands looted the passengers in the coaches, which were soaked with petrol and set on fire, those attempting to escape from the blazing death-trap being either shot or their skulls being battered in with rifle-butts.

The sight was most horrible, with blood and brains spattered on the sides of the carriages, and women, soaked with petrol, writhing in torment amid the all-pervading odour of burning human flesh.

STRANDED VESSELS. SCOTLAND MARU TO DOCK TO-MORROW.

Enquiries made this morning show that the removal of cargo from the Scotland Maru, prior to her docking for repairs, has been completed, and she will go to Kowloon dock to-morrow morning.

Work is still proceeding in connection with the Dutch vessel, Tjileboet, and although it is not definitely known when she will be in a position to be re-floated, she is not expected to get off the rocks during the next twenty-four hours.

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CRISIS IN JAPAN.

BANKS & EXCHANGES CLOSING.

A FINANCIAL PANIC.

Osaka, April 22.

The banks, stock exchanges, cotton exchanges, et cetera throughout Japan, are closing to-day or to-morrow.

Twenty-Day Moratorium?

Tokyo, April 22.

The Asahi reports that the question of a 20-day moratorium will be discussed with the Privy Council, while a special session of the Diet will be called shortly.

Though the Asahi professes to have obtained its information from a reliable source, it is impossible to confirm the report.

Moratorium Decided On.

Shanghai, April 21.

A semi-official message from Tokyo says that the Government has decided to enforce a 20 day moratorium.

Earlier Messages.

Tokyo, April 21.

Two more banks have been forced to close, the Fifteenth Bank, one of the most influential in the country, and the Taisho Bank. Both are suspending business for three weeks.

Emergency Measure Probable.

The Fifteenth Bank, capitalised at Yen 100,000,000 with deposits amounting to Yen 368,000,000 has over eighty branches scattered all over the Empire, consequently it is feared that its suspension will have a serious effect.

It has already resulted in a downward tendency on the stock exchange.

The Meiji Bank and the Kokura Bank in Kyushu Province have suspended for three weeks. Other suspensions are expected.

Tense Anxiety.

Huge crowds lined up outside the various banks in Tokyo early this morning. There is a tense feeling of anxiety and excitement prevalent everywhere, while the announcement in Osaka of the suspension of the Fifteenth Bank caused a run on every other bank, as the confidence of the depositors was shaken.

The situation is generally regarded as extremely serious and apprehension is felt that an emergency measure similar to that after the earthquake of 1923 may become necessary. The Bank of Japan has already made considerable advances without security. The total advances at present amount to Yen 1,000,000,000.

A Bankers' Conference.

An important Bankers' Conference was held this afternoon at the Premier's residence but broke up without reaching a decision, consequently the Government is apparently faced with two alternatives, firstly resorting to the convocation of a special session of the Diet for the purpose of passing the necessary legislation enabling the Bank of Japan to meet the requirements of the banks suffering runs, or to resort to some other drastic expedient without delay; and secondly the proclamation of a moratorium.

Despite the general slacking of business the silk market does not seem to have suffered much.

Situation Panicky.

Osaka, April 21.

The run on the banks is unabated. In Osaka, Kobe, Kyoto and other cities queues of anxious housewives are to be seen transferring deposits from banks to the postoffices where savings accounts show a huge increase.

All business is practically at a standstill. A few more provincial banks are reported to have failed. The situation is panicky.

SECRET SOCIETY FIGHT.

SINGAPORE CHINESE KILLED.

About 8.30 p.m. on April 13 a fight occurred between secret societies of Singapore. Shols were fired and two Chinese were killed and three wounded. The wounded were taken to the General Hospital.

No arrests were made, but the police are inquiring into the affair. It is believed that some of the persons hurt have no connexion with secret societies.

BRASS BAND FOR THE VOLUNTEERS.

ENROLMENT OF PORTUGUESE MUSICIANS.

INSTRUMENTS FROM HOME.

A scheme long regarded as overdue has been put into practice by the announcement that the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps is to have its own Military Band in the near future.

The nucleus of the band has already been formed by the enrolment in the Corps of seven Portuguese instrumentalists, and we were informed this morning that there is a likelihood that further Portuguese will join up shortly.

The unit is to consist of a brass band, and will be almost entirely composed of Portuguese, who have shown an increasing interest in the activities of the H.V.D.C. recently.

The instruments necessary for the band have already been ordered from Home, and in the meantime other instruments for practice will be placed at the musicians' disposal.

All the members enrolled are accomplished musicians and it is not anticipated that a very long time will elapse between the arrival of the Corps' instruments and the first public appearance of the new unit.

OF A FACE

EXPERIMENT IN TELEVISION.

London, April 21.

"Like nothing ever heard" is the description given to the "sound" of a face transmitted from London to New York by Mr. J. L. Baird, who invented the television.

He sat before a television apparatus in his London laboratory, and his face became a "fluctuating electric current," which was picked up by a listener in at New York, who heard a sort of scratching.

Mr. Baird told Reuter he was going to America a month hence with a receiving machine, with the idea of turning the face's sound into the face itself.

U. S. MARINES IN ACTION.

BRUSH IN NICARAGUA.

Managua, April 21.

United States Marines have been in action against a company of Nicaraguan Liberals, who were carrying red flags and wearing red turbans, and attempting to capture the village of Posoltega, in defiance of the United States authorities' order that there must be no fighting within 2,000 feet of the railway.

After a skirmish in which the Marines suffered no casualties, the Liberals fled, leaving three dead.

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JAPANESE POLICY.

GREAT PRUDENCE EXERCISED.

Tokyo, April 21.

Discussing the new Government's diplomatic policy, Baron Tanaka in a press interview stated that it will be "very moderate, judiciously combining positive and negative policies."

Continuing, the new Premier said, "Though the new Ministry will pursue the Selyukai's oft-stated positive policy, the Government intends to exercise the greatest prudence in its application, in accordance with the requirements of the problems concerned."

MAIL TRAIN ROBBERY.

SINGAPORE POLICE EFFECT ARREST.

In connexion with the disappearance of currency notes valued at \$1,500 which were in transit on the mail train between Gema and Tampin on the night of the 6th instant, the police have arrested a man in Singapore.

The accused, a Eurasian, named E. Rodrigues, was brought up before Mr. N. D. Mudie, in the District Court yesterday and formally charged with theft of the above sum. A postponement was ordered to April 19.

CANTON LABOUR.

DELEGATES TO BIG CONGRESS.

AUSTRALIANS ARRIVE.

Among those arriving by the S.S. Mishima Maru yesterday, was the New South Wales' delegation to the Pan-Pacific Labour Congress which is due to take place in Canton on May 1st, and following days.

The delegation, which had a hearty send off from Sydney, is headed by Mr. J. S. Garden, who is the Secretary of the Trades and Labour Council there, and he is accompanied by three other delegates.

The Sydney Sun, prior to the delegation's departure, stated that Mr. Garden will travel as far as Canton and that the others will visit every country in Europe, and eventually go to England.

It has been decided that N. S. W. Unions affiliated to the Trades and Labour Council will pay the expenses of the Delegation on a pro rata basis.

The Trades and Labour Council prior to sending the delegation, received the following cable message from Canton:

"All-China Labour Federation authorises and requests Pan-Pacific Labour Congress in Canton on May 1. Inviting trades union organisations from Japan, India, Soviet Russia, United States, Canada, Pacific countries of South America, and trades union movements connected with the Far East namely, England, France, and America."

The following are some of the subjects in the agenda. Report of the Preparatory Bureau; reports of delegates from various countries; international trades union movement situation in Pacific countries; anti-imperialism and trades union movement; international regulations, wages and hours; war danger in the Pacific; probably immigration and the trades union attitude; establishment of relations between trades unions in the Pacific; other problems regarding the Far East and Pacific; growth of the trades union movement in the Far East; working class economic problems.

Humorous Gifts. In view of his visit to Canton "appropriate" gifts were made to Mr. J. S. Garden at the Lord Mayor's birthday party in Sydney, before he left.

He was presented with a pair of field-glasses—in order, it was explained, that he might be able to see what was left of China; and with a wig, which, it was pointed out, would be useful as a disguise should he have to break off diplomatic relations at any point.

Mr. Garden accepted the gifts with much good humour.

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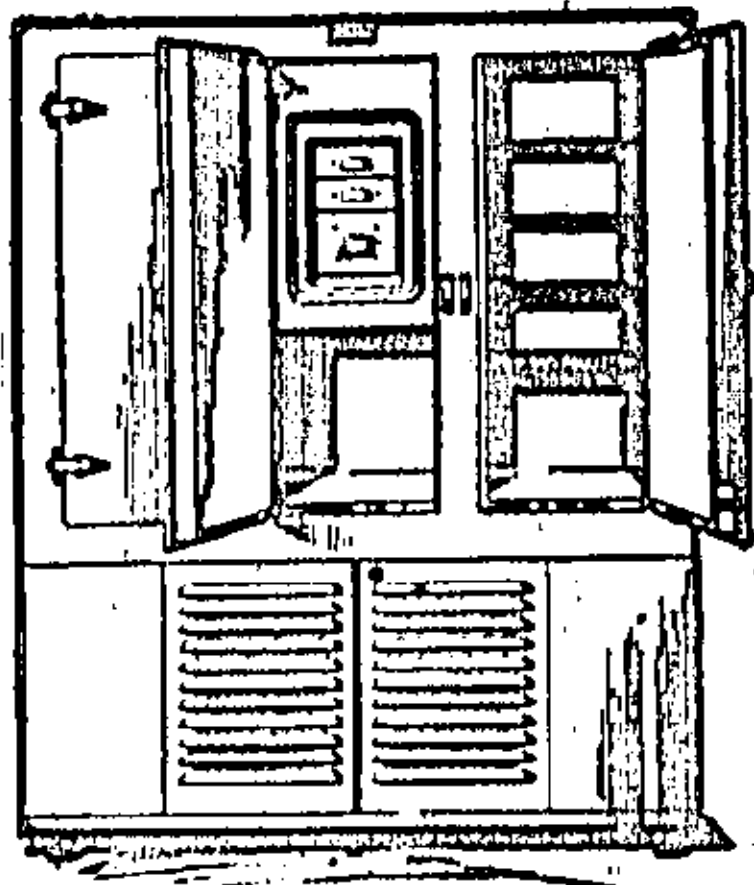
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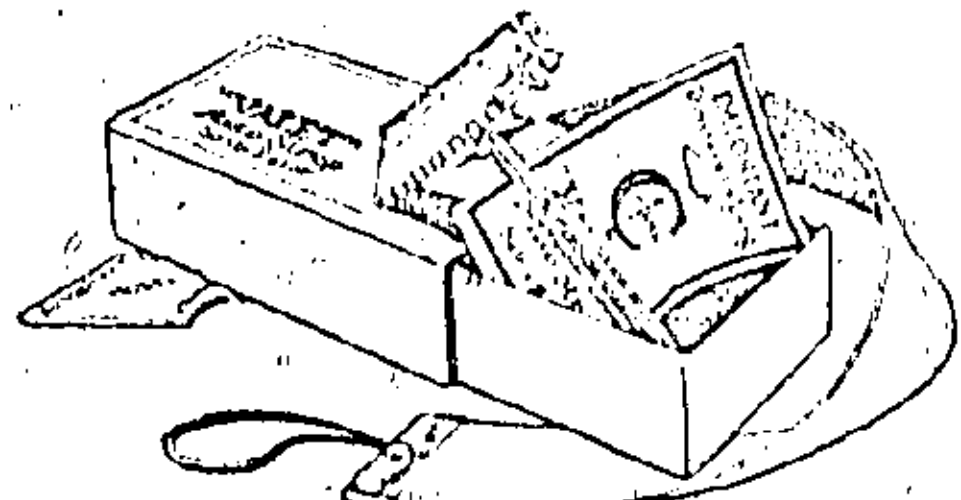
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BALANCE OF \$6,876 TO
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Reduction of membership
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has affected receipts under the
heading of Members' subscrip-
tions, which are less by \$1,500
than in 1925, says the Chamber of
Commerce report. Chamber's fees
in respect of surveys, however,
show an increase of \$2,348, as
compared with last year.

On the year's working, after
provision for doubtful debtors' accounts, a balance of \$6,876.25
has been carried to general re-
serve account. A deficiency on
the working of the Chinese Lan-
guage School—the accumulation of
several years—amounting to
\$5,405.29, has been written off and
the general reserve account now
stands at \$48,901.64 as compared
with \$47,430.68, at the end of 1925.

Cash and investments have in-
creased to \$44,179.66, as against
\$37,025.23 in 1925.

During the year the Chinese
Language School, by the use of
the Chamber's Boardroom for
class teaching and other econo-
mies, has been conducted less ex-
pensively than hitherto and, if it
is even moderately well supported,
may be expected to pay its way in
future.

TRADE STATISTICS.

SUGGESTED RE-OPENING OF DEPARTMENT.

As recorded in the last Annual
Report of the Hongkong General
Chamber of Commerce, the Colonial
Government on the ground of
economy, closed the Statistical
Branch of the Imports and Exports
Department as from September
30, 1925. At the last annual meet-
ing of the Chamber members adopt-
ed a resolution urging the re-open-
ing of the Department, and the
Committee gave further considera-
tion to the question during the
year. The Colonial Government,
on March 27, 1926, asked the Cham-
ber if it thought that the system
should be re-established, to give
reasons in detail to justify the ex-
penditure and to make recommen-
dations as to any suggested im-
provements in the method of
classifying the returns.

Prolonged consideration to this
request was given by sub-commit-
tees of the Chamber, but the sug-
gestions put forward tended to in-
creased sub-division of the com-
modity-headings and consequently
to no reduction of cost. The Gen-
eral Committee therefore decided,
as no provision had been made by
the Government in the estimates
for 1927 for re-opening the depart-
ment, to leave the question in abey-
ance for the present.

HOME PARCEL MAILS.

A WEEKLY SERVICE
URGENT.

On January 27, 1927, says the
annual report of the Hongkong
General Chamber of Commerce, just
issued, the Chamber placed before
the Colonial Government a suggestion
that the Postal Authorities of the
United Kingdom be asked to in-
crease the opportunities for the
despatch of parcels mails from the
United Kingdom to this Colony.
At present there is only a fortnightly
parcel service, and it was urged
that a parcels mail should be carried
in conjunction with each weekly
letter and paper mail via Suez. It
was pointed out that under present
arrangements shipment samples of
pieces goods, for instance, frequently
arrive late and, as dealers will not
take up goods until the arrival of
the supplies, the consequent delay
in payment costs importers in the
course of the year an appreciable
loss in interest, simply due to the
late arrival of parcels. The Cham-
ber therefore requested the Govern-
ment to make representations to the
authorities at Home on this subject.

SOVIET CONGRESS.

FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH
FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

Moscow, April 21.
The All-Russian Congress of
Soviets in closing its session
passed a unanimous resolution
urging the consolidation of
friendly relations with foreign
states. The resolution pointed
out that the peaceful activities of
the Soviet met with great difficul-
ties in view of the growing hos-
tility of the governments of certain
Powers toward the Soviet. It
trusted that the Government would
be ready to resist any new at-
tempt to provoke Russia to war.
It sympathized with the Chinese
national liberative movement and
approved the Government's policy
in China which was based on the
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tion by the Soviet of the special
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in China.—*Reuter*.

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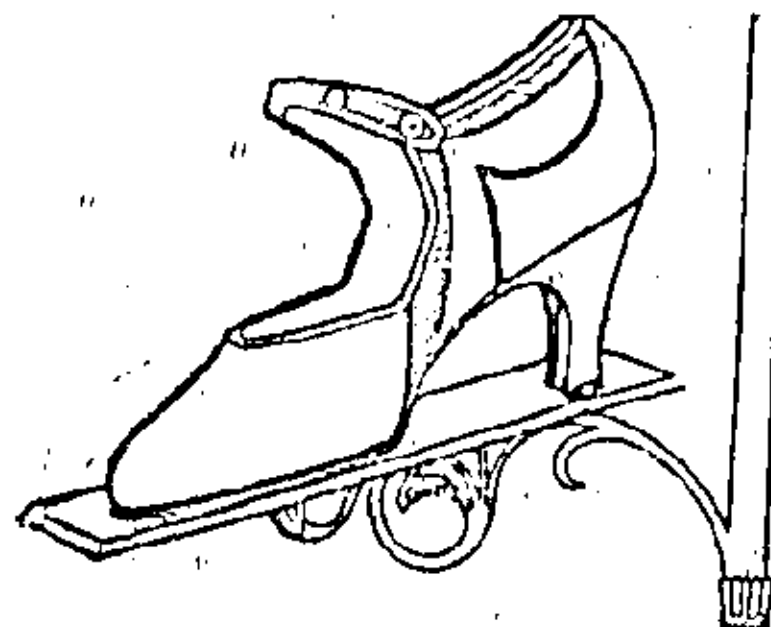
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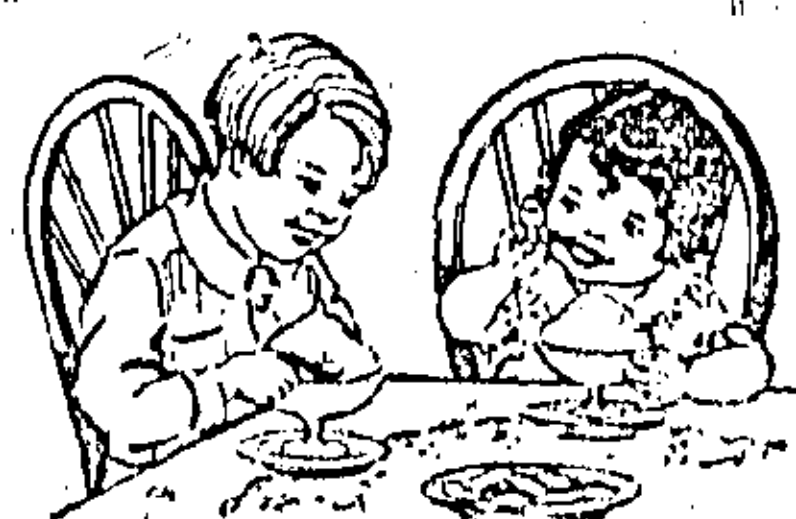
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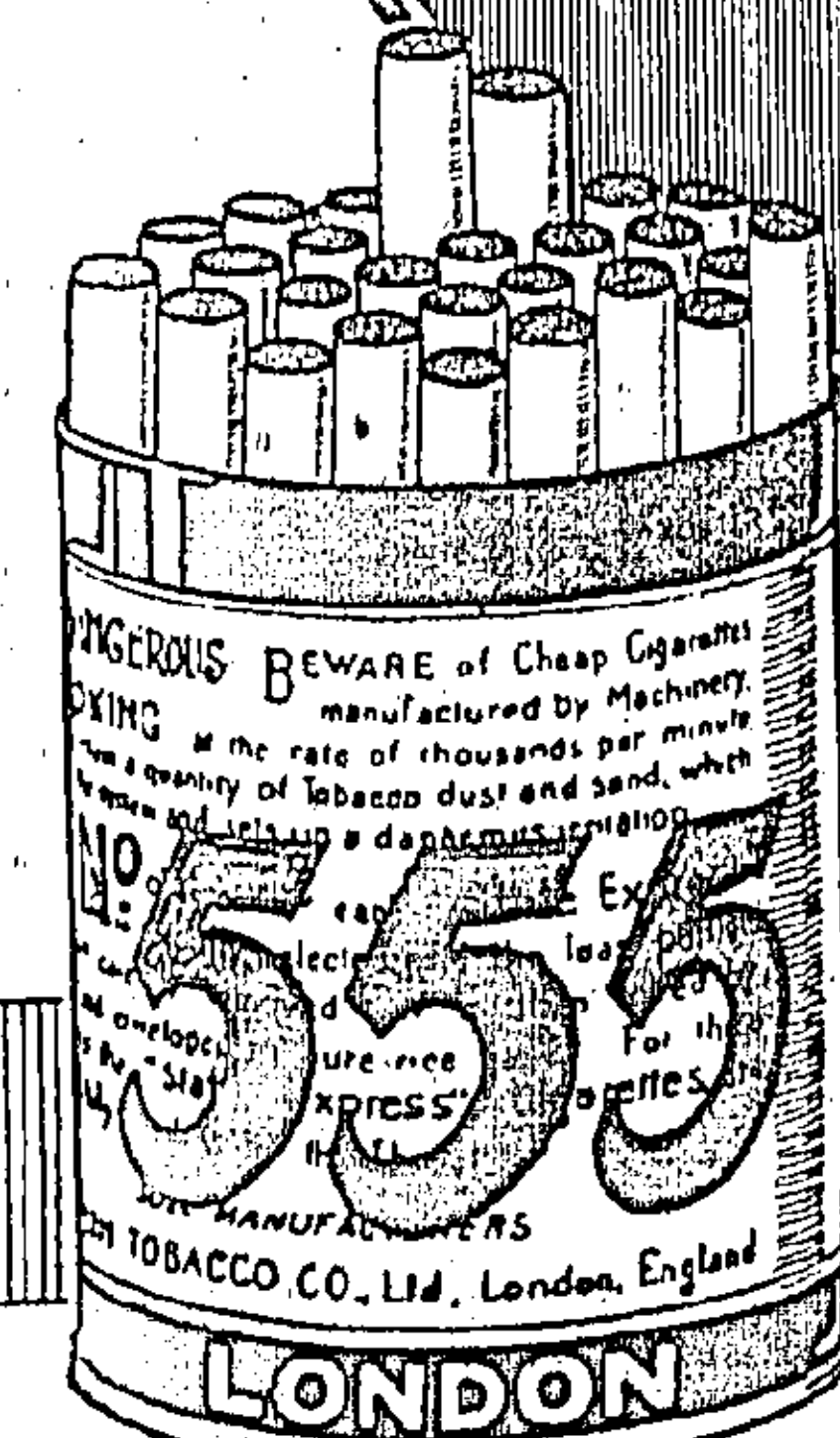
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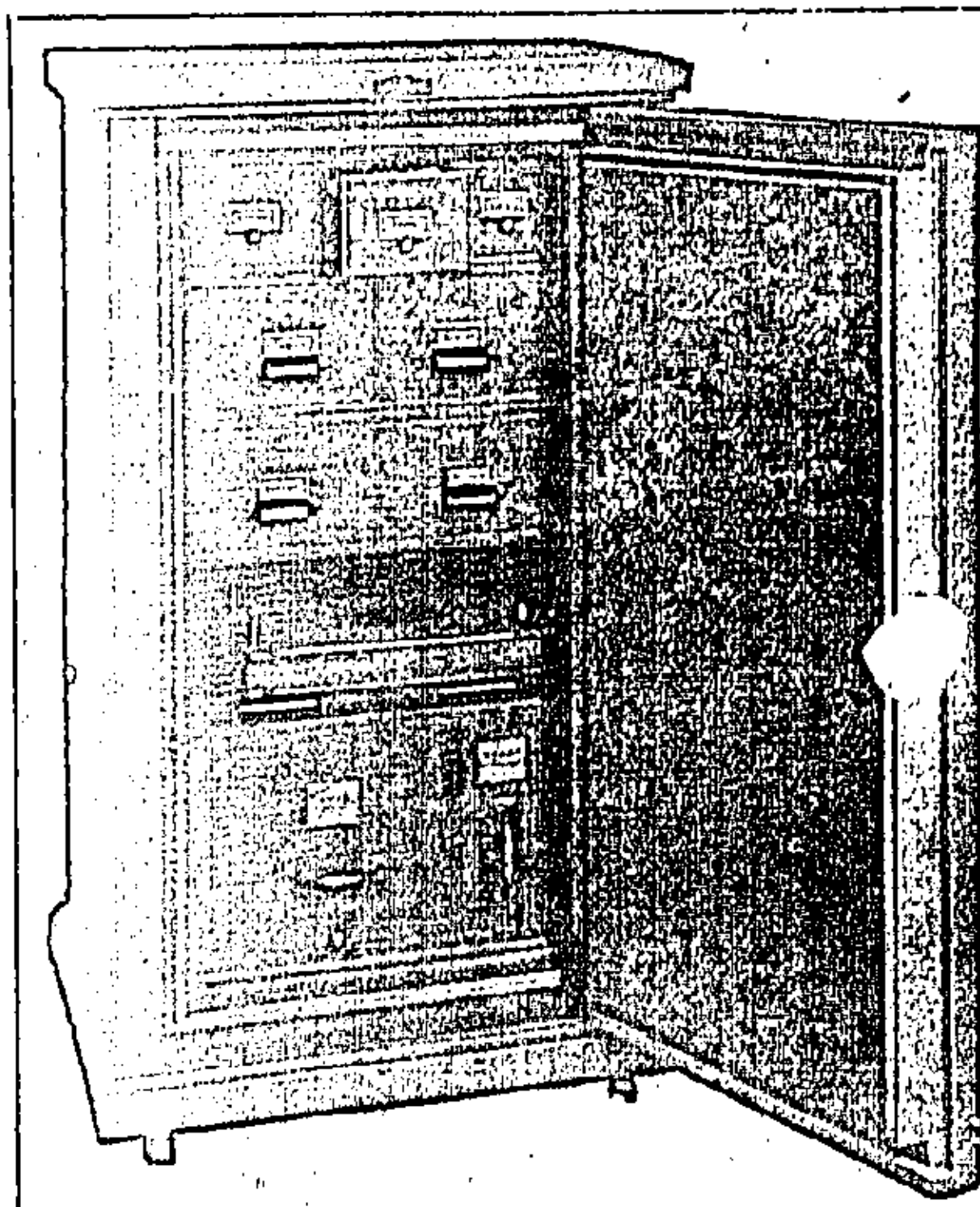
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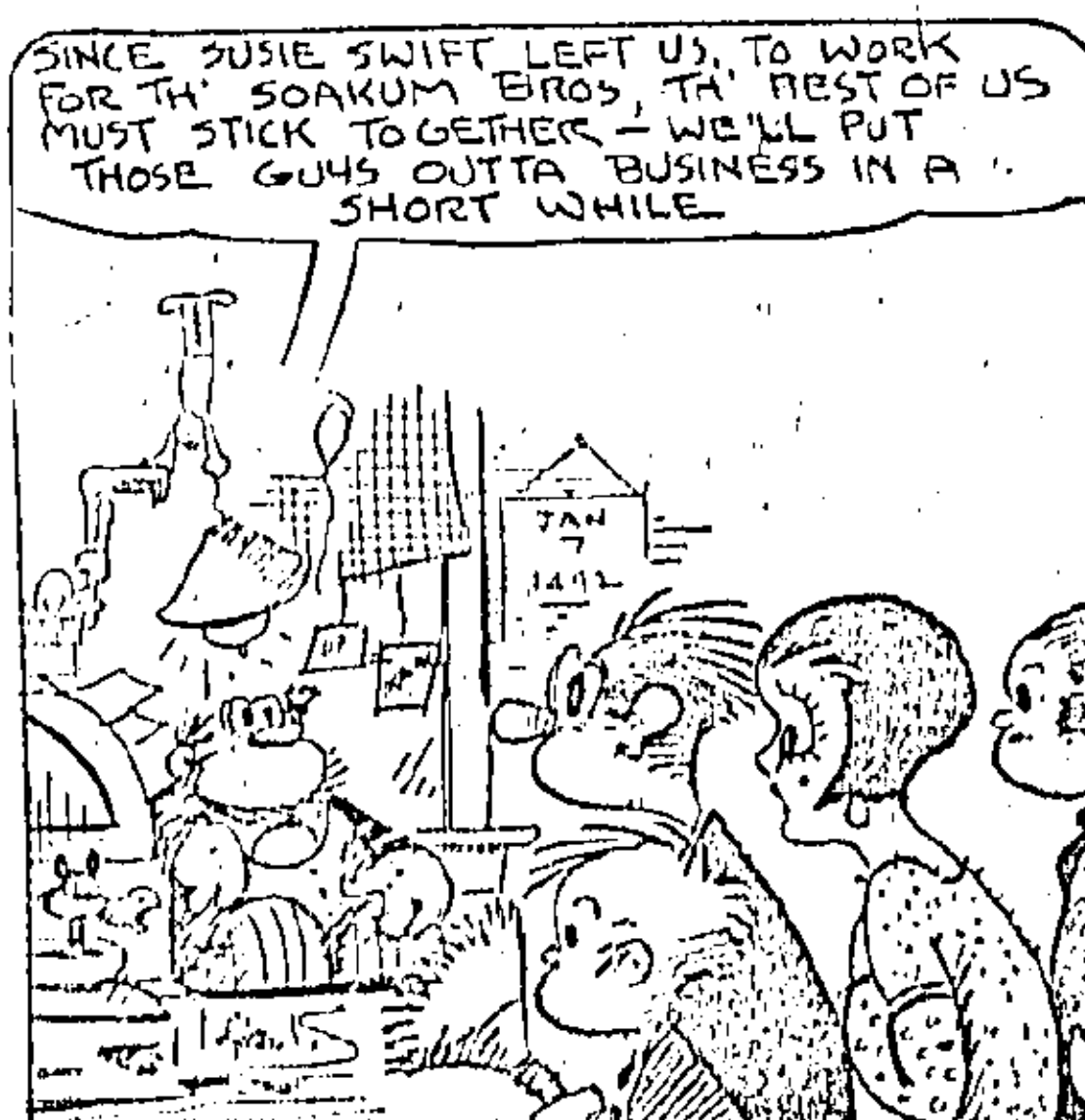
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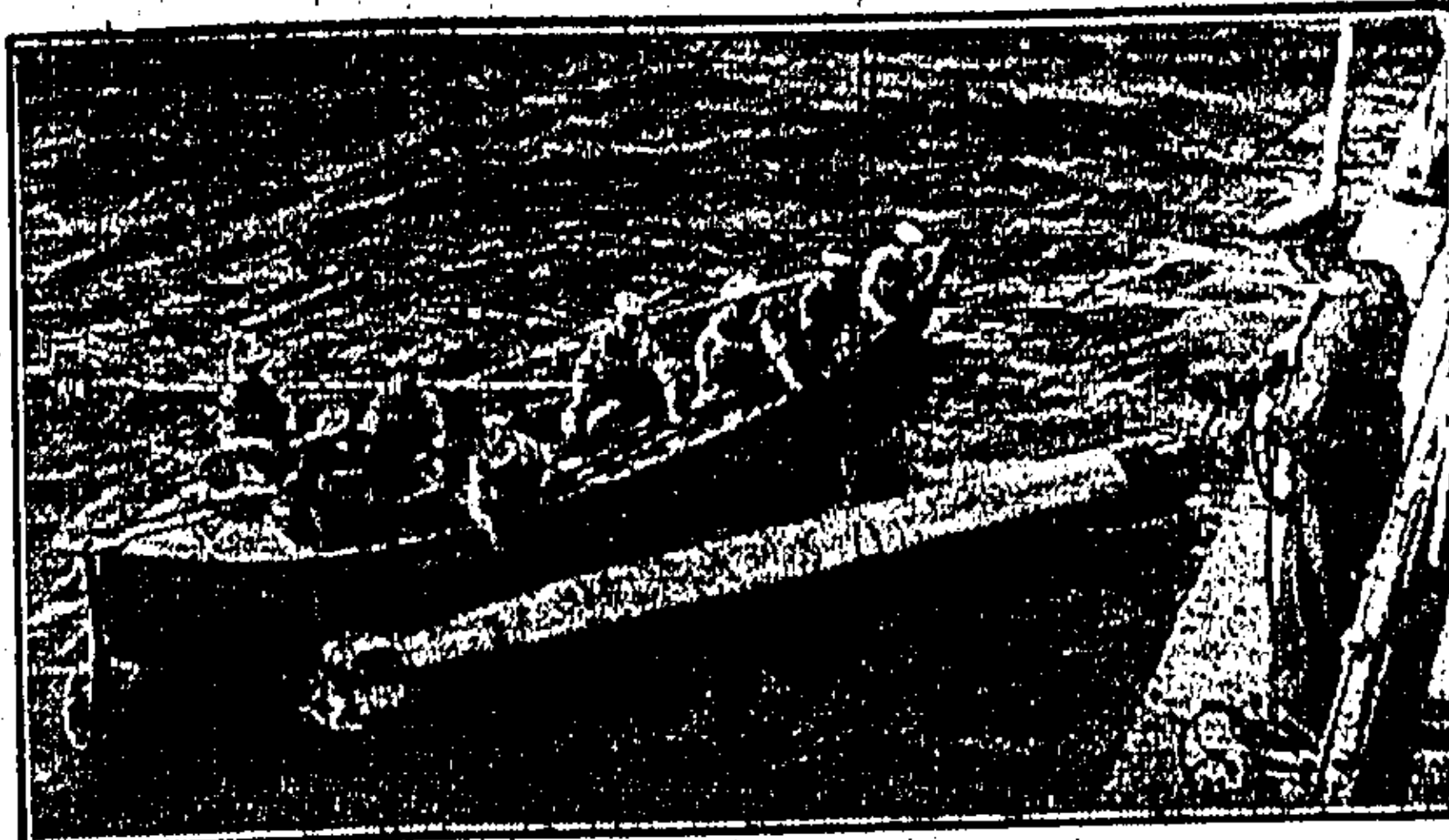
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PRINCE OF WALES AT LEICESTER.—The Prince of Wales visited Leicester last month to declare open the Disabled Warriors' Homes which have been erected at Cadby out of the £100,000 Fund raised by Sir Jonathan North during his mayoralty from 1914 to 1918. (Times copyright).



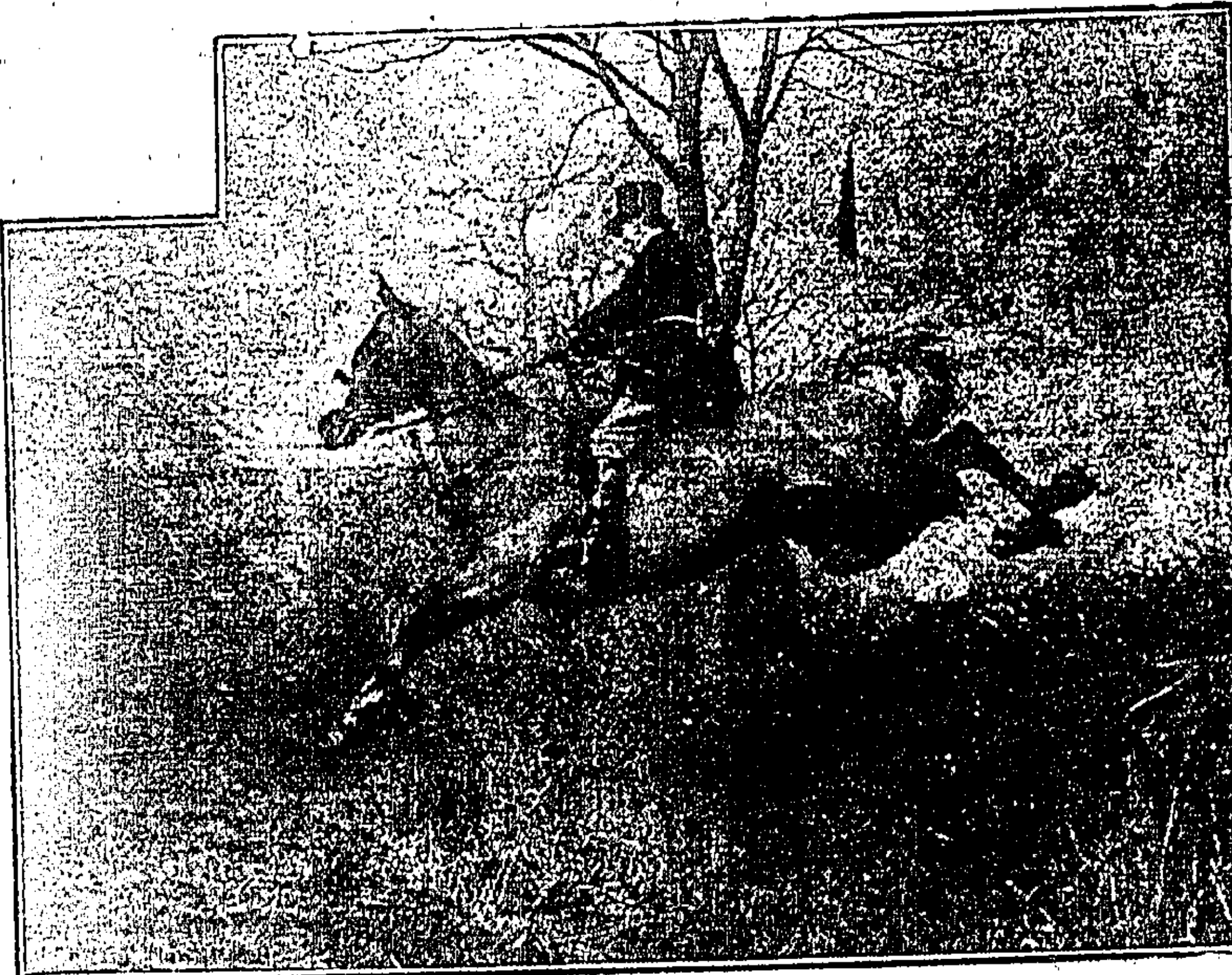
BRITISH NAVAL EXERCISES.—Hoisting one of the torpedoes on board H. M. S. Repulse after the torpedo firing exercises in the Straits of Gibraltar. (Times copyright).



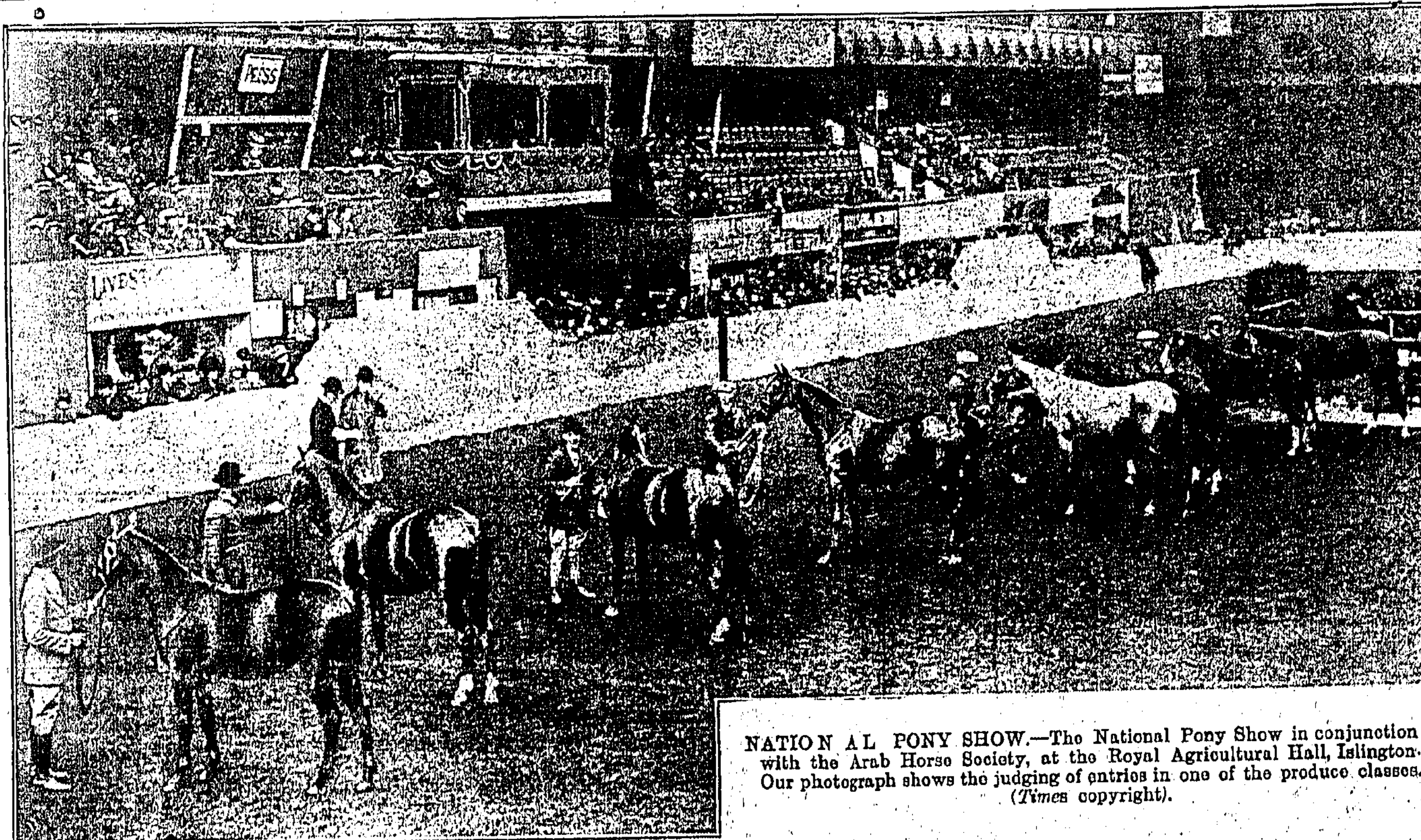
OXFORD UNIVERSITY DRAG HOUNDS.—Trial of hunters at Middleton Stoney, nr. Bicester, Oxfordshire. Mr. Charles Kelly on "Starlight." (Times copyright).



QUEEN AT A LONDON HOSPITAL.—The Queen laid the foundation stone of the Nurses' Home at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E. Her Majesty is seen with Mr. A. Lister-Harrison, the chairman of the committee of management. (Times copyright).

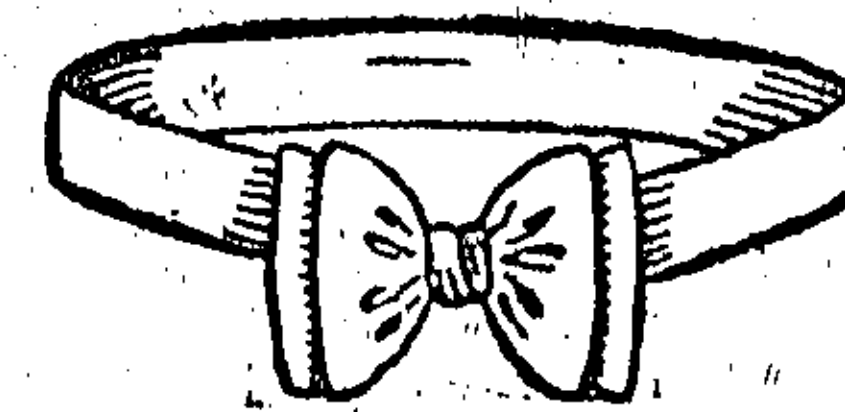


TRIAL OF HUNTERS.—Lieutenant Colonel N. V. Blacker riding Mrs. Shakespeare's "Gay Lad." (Times copyright).



NATIONAL PONY SHOW.—The National Pony Show in conjunction with the Arab Horse Society, at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington. Our photograph shows the judging of entries in one of the produce classes. (Times copyright).

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H. M. McTAVISH,
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ST. GEORGES SOCIETY. HONGKONG.

The Committee and Members of the above Society will be at Home to Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen in uniform on Saturday, April 23rd, at the Queen's Theatre, from 2.15 p.m. to 7 p.m.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, the 7th May, 1927, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.
Entries will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 27th April, 1927.

NOTICE.

The Public is hereby notified that we are now under instructions and orders from our head office to temporarily stop business for TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS commencing from the 18th inst. because readjustment of accounts is to be made during this interval of time.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1927.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on THURSDAY, 28th April, 1927, at 4 p.m. in the CITY HALL, for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1926.
- (2) To elect a new Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order, M. F. KEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1927.

MACAO RACES.

FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING.

SUNDAY, 24TH APRIL 1927.
First Race 11.30 a.m.
Entrance to Public Enclosure 40 cents.
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From Hongkong. From Macao. 9.00 a.m. Sui An 4.30 p.m. Sui Tai. 9.00 p.m. Sui Tai. 5.30 p.m. Sui An.

Members are advised that they must show their badges to obtain admission to the Members Enclosure.

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Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-Members to the Members Enclosure. Tickets may be obtained at the Entrance Gate.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Second Ordinary Yearly Meeting of HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED, will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of April, 1927, at the Board Room of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, HONG KONG, at 11 a.m. in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1926, confirming the appointment of two Directors, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 16th April to the 23rd April, 1927, both days inclusive.

Dated this 7th day of April, 1927.

By Order,
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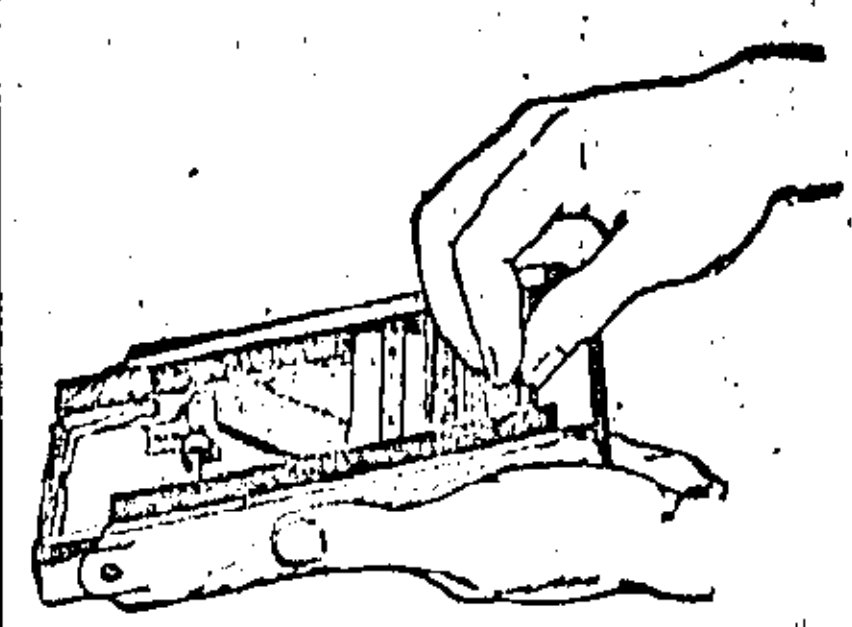
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Of quite outstanding merit and worthy of being classed among the "big" films is "The Temptress" now being shown at the Queen's Theatre.

It occupies the whole of the bill—and worthily so. Taken from the story by Blasco Ibanez, directed by Fred Niblo, and having in its cast such well-known actors as Greta Garbo, Antonio Moreno and Lionel Barrymore, the film has indeed an auspicious start, and it maintains throughout the impress of highly artistic handling. To attempt to indicate the story—which is nothing less than a clever study of several types of people—would be to do the picture an injustice, because it must be seen slowly unfolding to be appreciated. There is much real and tense incident in the film, not the least being the epic whip fight between the hero and bandit chief. There is also a thrilling storm scene and the bursting of a huge dam. Perhaps one is a little disappointed at the conventional ending, but up to the very last the story is fascinating and wholly unusual. The film is showing to-day and to-morrow at all shows.

WORLD AIR CONGRESS.

STANDARDISATION AIM.

London, April 21.
An important International Air Conference opens at London next Monday.

Sir Phillip Sassoon, the Under Secretary for Air, will preside.

The conference originally consisted only of representatives of the Allied Powers, but it has been extended to include delegates from other states. Fifteen countries in addition to Great Britain and the Dominions have been invited to participate at this conference. It thus becomes in the true sense of the word, international.

On Tuesday, the Government will entertain the visitors to a banquet.

One interesting subject on the agenda is that of the competency of women to pilot commercial aircraft. From the technical aspect one of the most important suggestions is that of standard international minimum requirements for the issue of certificates of airworthiness, and unification of characteristics required for materials used in aeronautical construction.—British Wireless.

SHEER AGGRESSION.

SEQUEL TO SEIZURE OF THE FEDERALSHIP.

San Francisco, April 21.
Decent respect for the opinions of mankind, national honour, harmonious international relations and that the avoidance of war required, that treaty laws shall be scrupulously observed is the opinion of the Federal Court ruling that the seizure of the "Federalship" was illegal, and describing it as sheer aggression, trespass and contrary to the Anglo-American Treaty.—Reuter's American Service.

The "Federalship," the largest vessel engaged in rum-running off the Pacific shipboard and recently transferred from the British to the Panamanian register, was seized early last month when about 300 miles south-west of San Francisco. The vessel had 12,500 cases of whisky on board.

A Melbourne Correspondent states that the Senate has unanimously agreed to the appointment of a Select Committee, to investigate the state of the film industry in Australia. The original proposal, introduced on a private motion, was that a Royal Commission should be set up.

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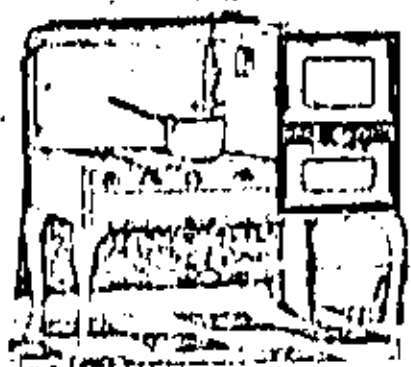
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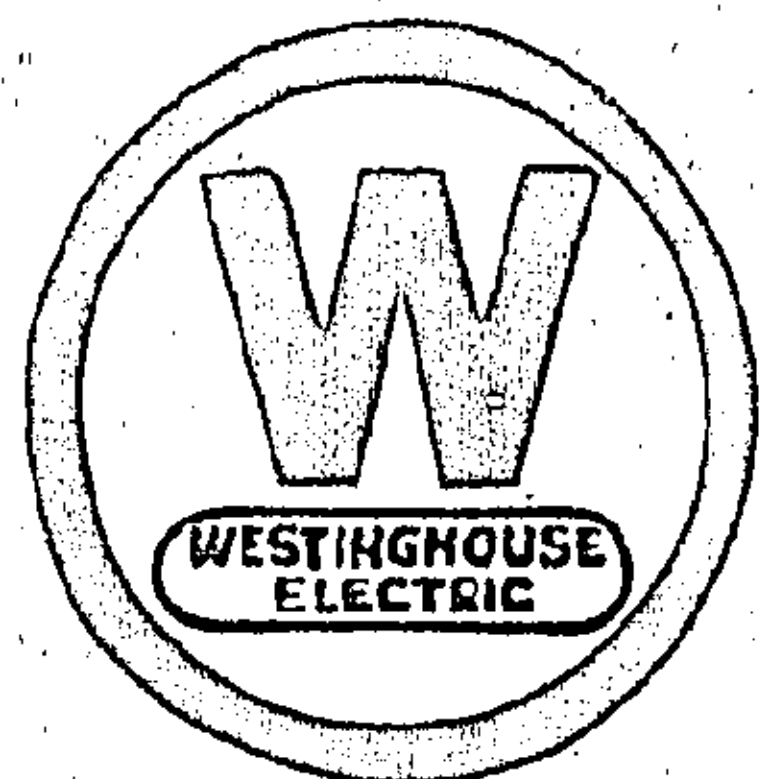
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THE DUKE OF YORK.

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Melbourne, April 21.
A tragedy marred Victoria's
rapturous welcome to the Duke
and Duchess of York. The
Renown, escorted by four war-
ships and 40 aeroplanes had
steamed up the bay as close as
possible inshore for the benefit of
the crowds on the beaches, though
misty squalls spoil the specta-
cular effect.

The weather cleared sufficiently
not to interfere with the imposing
landing ceremonies. The aero-
planes started over the barge on
which the Duke and Duchess of
York landed and on shore contin-
ued to escort the procession
through nine miles of decorated
city and suburban streets which
were lined by troops.

There were tumultuously cheer-
ing crowds but the cheers
were changed into cries of
horror when, as the procession
was entering the grounds of the
Government House, two aero-
planes, only a few hundred feet
up, collided with a sickening im-
pact and crashed in flames. They
fell onto a garage which was set
afire and four airmen were killed.
Their Highnesses did not wit-
ness the accident though they were
only half a mile away.—*Reuter.*

EMBASSY RAID.

CHINESE REPLY TO SOVIET
NOTE.

Peking, April 21.
The Chinese reply to the Soviet
note with regard to the Embassy,
says the raid was carried out out-
side the Embassy proper, the Chi-
nese police scrupulously refraining
from entering the Embassy. The
Note says true diplomats enjoy
special immunities, but that does
not confer the right to carry on
illegal practices.

Careful examination of the docu-
ment's seized is still going on,
hence the Chinese Government is
in no way complying with the de-
mands of the Soviet.—*Reuter.*

FLOODS IN U.S.

Memphis, Tenn., April 21.
In consequence of the growing
monsoon of flood disaster in the
lower Mississippi Valley the situa-
tion is very grave. It is estimated
that hitherto 4,000,000 acres have
been flooded, and 100,000 people
are rendered homeless.

Communications are seriously
impaired and the streets in many
townships have become foaming
whirlpools, wherein boats, men,
animals and household goods are
tossed wildly hither and thither.—
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TERRIBLE FIRE.

JAPANESE DISASTER.

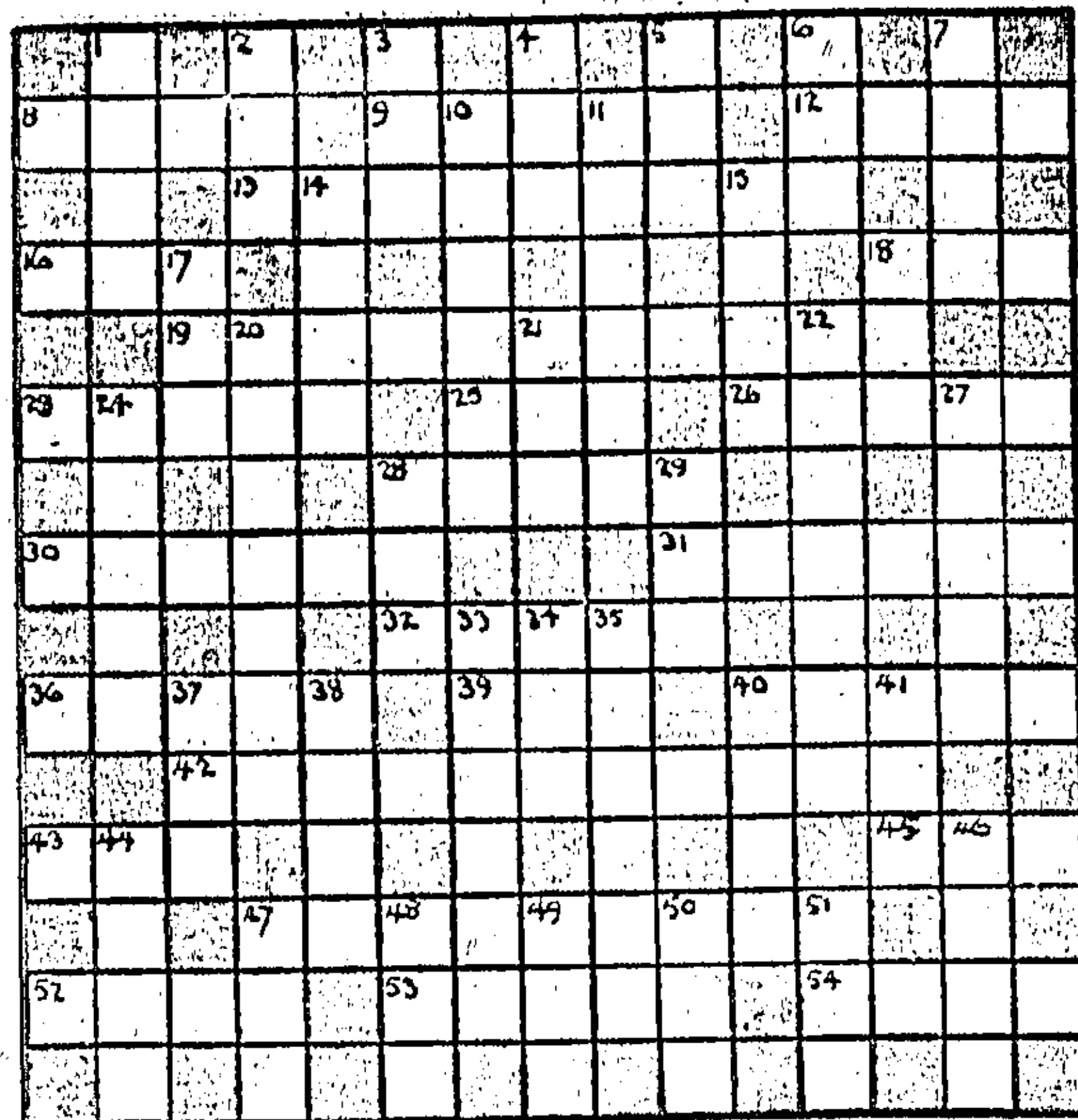
Tokyo, April 21.
There was a great conflagration
at Kanazawa, on the West coast
of Japan early this morning. One
thousand buildings, including
hotels, schools and a hospital were
destroyed. There are no further
details.—*Reuter.*

AUSTRALIA'S VISIT.

CRICKET TEAM TO TOUR
MALAYA.

Sydney, April 21.
The Board of Control has sanction-
ed the visit of an Australian Cricket
team to Malaya. The team will prob-
ably include several internationals.
It is proposed to leave on May 3, and
return on June 25.—*Reuter.*

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

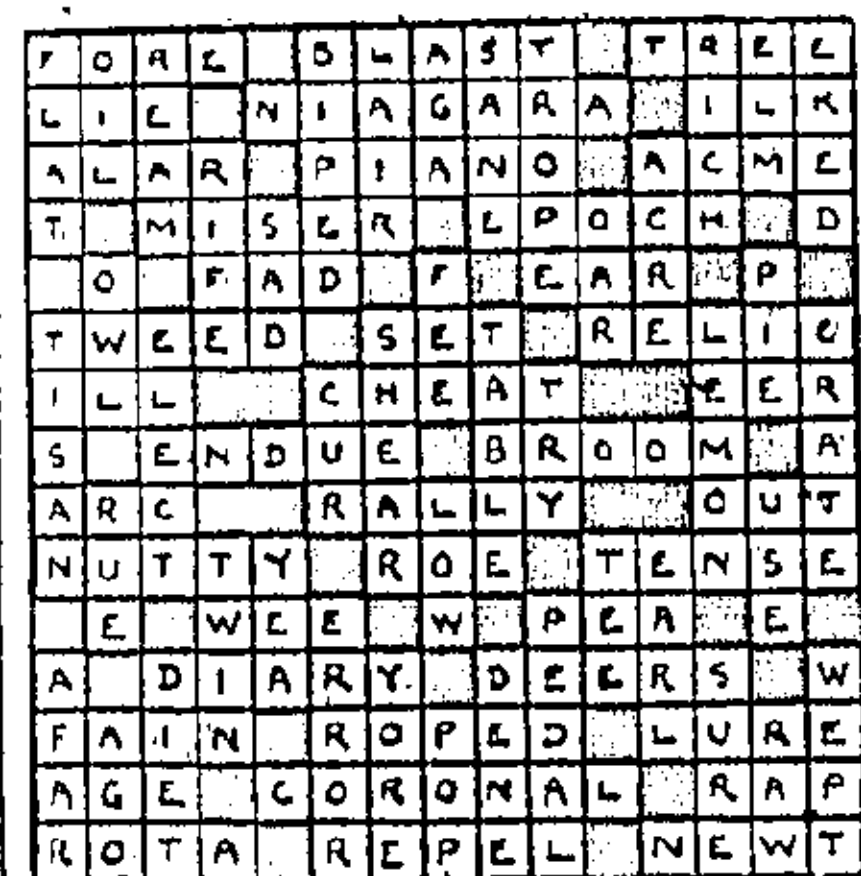
- 8 Valley.
- 9 Fresh water fish.
- 12 Market for goods.
- 13 Shyness.
- 16 Seat.
- 18 Heated.
- 19 State of growing.
- 23 Worked by the foot.
- 25 Came into contact with.
- 26 Planet.
- 28 Domestic birds.
- 30 Taste.
- 31 At large.
- 32 Hoofed mammal allied to the rhinoceros.
- 36 Scatter.
- 39 Roman household deity.
- 40 Measure.
- 42 Pertaining to Israel.
- 43 Projecting part of a revolving piece.
- 45 Termination.
- 47 Fit to be spoken.
- 52 Simple.
- 53 Frigidly.
- 54 British port in the East.

Down.

- 1 Step.
- 2 Clear of all deductions.
- 3 Squeeze between two surfaces.
- 4 Ancient.
- 5 Consumed.
- 6 Donkey.
- 7 High pitch of voice.
- 10 Ancient Greek vessel.
- 11 Decrees.
- 14 Heathen deity.
- 15 In right mind.
- 17 Small lump of soft material.
- 18 Feminine pronoun.

- 20 Injuries.
- 21 Receive.
- 22 Conveys.
- 24 Precise.
- 27 Commerce.
- 28 Obtain.
- 29 Organ of hearing.
- 33 Sour ale.
- 34 Friend.
- 35 Pertaining to iris.
- 37 Edge.
- 38 Together.
- 40 Machine for grinding.
- 41 Definite article.
- 44 Assert.
- 46 Necessity.
- 47 Fix.
- 48 Editor (Abbr.).
- 49 Young goat.
- 50 Thing not directly aimed at.
- 51 Masticate and swallow.

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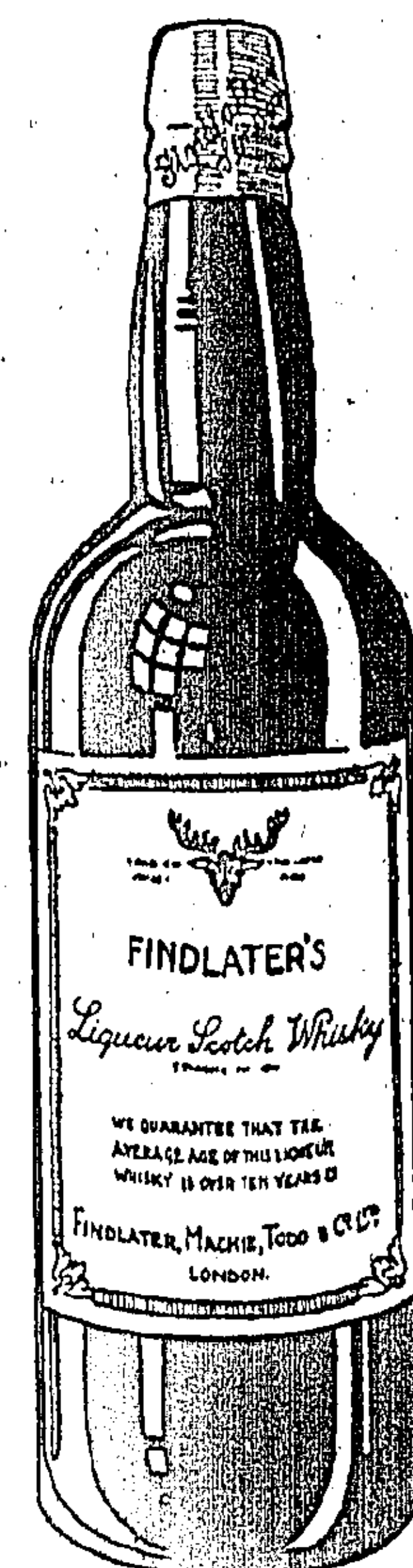


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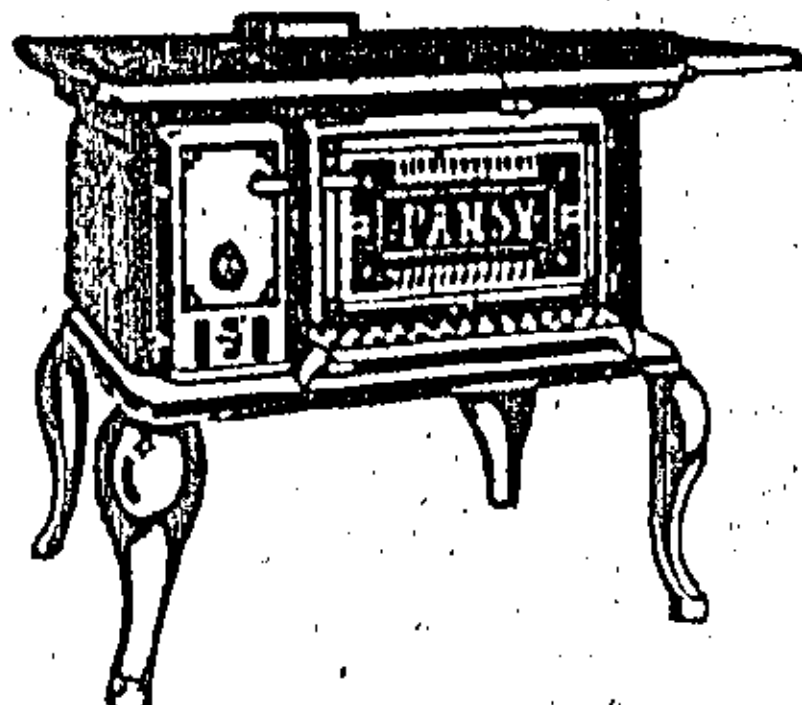
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LEADERS WANTED.

The annual report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, which is to be presented at the meeting to be held next Thursday afternoon, has now been issued to members and, although it reflects the fact that Hongkong and China generally has been passing through a period of acute trade depression, it makes a worthy record of much hard work performed by the Chamber. In the report of the General Committee reference is made to the boycott of Hongkong shipping and trade during the end of 1925 and part of 1926, and it is mentioned that after the formal raising of the boycott in October last "trade began to be resumed. Although there were many difficulties to be contended with these were gradually overcome and by the end of the year a fair volume of trade was being carried on between both ports. The losses sustained by merchants both in Canton and Hongkong, during the strike and boycott, which had lasted for sixteen months, were very great and this fact, combined with the sense of insecurity in the neighbouring provinces due to civil war, piracy, banditry, heavy taxation and the lawless activities of uncontrolled labour unions, indicate that it will be a long time before trade in South China returns to its normal state." There, once again, is given the text of a homily on the disastrous folly of China's unrest, and it is unfortunately true that there have been very few years in recent times when there has not been cause to regret that China has not been a peaceful and unified country. It is safe to say that no people in the world are more frequently in parlous, social and economic plight than the people of China, a fact mainly attributable to the country's dearth of well-balanced, educated, and unselfish leaders.

The other day we saw in one of our Northern contemporaries, an article entitled "Where are the Men?" and it amounted to a review and a lament of the paucity of Chinese, able and fitted to lead and endowed with the altruism and patriotism necessary to the making of a successful leader. If we take the immediately recent history of China—South China and Canton as well as Peking—and analyse the cause of all the sorrows and tribulations through which

China has been passing we shall find that what China has lacked most, has been men able to direct aright the awakening aspirations of the people. There has been a ferment that could easily have been guided into beneficial channels, but which instead has been allowed to produce such abnormalities as strikes, boycotts, anti-foreign and anti-Christian outrages, trade union tyranny and a whole welter of unproductive nastiness which has resulted in leaving China nearly friendless. The insensate dislike and hostilities which have been engendered here in South China are all due to bad leadership and misdirection of what fundamentally was admittedly a worthy urge for reform and improvement. The Chamber of Commerce report, lying before us, is eloquent through practically all its pages of this great lack of the China of to-day of men fitted to take control and handle the newly-awakened forces in a manner which will be productive of constructive good. Of course, the prime requisites are moderation and toleration. Rome was not built in a day and neither can China effect the metamorphosis of becoming "modern" merely by the noisy shouting of a few "leftists."

The Mexican Outrage.

Though the world has grown used to hearing of some of the ghastly horrors which bandits, such as certain gangs in China, are capable of perpetrating, a shudder will be experienced by all who read of the terrible outrage by Mexican outlaws, in which 130 persons were heartlessly butchered. Their treatment was of a type which one would not like to think had been meted out to cattle, and it is almost unbelievable that human beings could be so fiendishly indifferent to the sufferings of their fellow-men, and fellow nationals, as to butcher them in such fashion—callously locking them up in a train, setting the coaches on fire, and shooting down those who attempted to escape the appalling fate of being burnt alive. Apart from the speculation as to the depths to which human savagery can descend in this year of grace 1927, after centuries of civilisation, there is the aspect of conditions in general in a country where such outrages, merely repetitions of previous horrors on a larger scale, are possible. Mexico has for long been seething with discontent, and that there is no settled authority capable of enforcing its rule all over the country is evident. At the bigger centres one realises that in recent years a stronger, more able administration has arisen, and there are hopes of the country rising in time to a position of considerable importance in the Americas. But long periods of misrule are not easily overcome. Mexico is rich in natural wealth, principally oil-bearing territories, and their development by entirely native enterprise is being aimed at, having been the cause of a great deal of very recent friction with outside interests. But the country affords some of the most vivid contrasts to be found in any part of the world. One had hoped that the days of outlawry depicted on some of the most sensational cinema films were passing; but this latest outrage transcends anything a scenario writer ever imagined in his wildest flights of fancy. It tells its own tale of the task that yet lies ahead of those who would make the country a stable State among the progressive Governments of the American continent.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, April 21.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.93½
Amsterdam	12.13½
Berlin	20.49
Copenhagen	18.21
Vienna	34.55
Helsingfors	192½
Lisbon	217/32
Bucharest	760
Buenos Aires	479/16
Shanghai	2/9½
Yokohama	1/11.23/32
New York	4.85 11/16
Geneva	25.25
Milan	94.05
Stockholm	18.13
Oslo	18.71¼
Prague	163½
Madrid	27.03½
Athens	309½
Rio	5/27/32
Bombay	1/5.19/32
Hongkong	2/0¼
Silver (spot)	26 3/16
Silver (forward)	20 1/16

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

MY EXPERIENCE OF LIFE IS THAT THE GREATER THE WEALTH THE WORSE THE DIGESTION.—Max Barling.

The weather forecast issued by the Royal Observatory for the period ending at noon to-morrow is: N. E. winds, moderate; fair.

The motor ship Tugela of the Norwegian Africa and Australia Line, left Singapore yesterday and is expected to arrive here on Wednesday with general cargo from Norway via ports.

"Football Fan."—We cannot publish your letter as you do not comply with our rule that all correspondents must send their name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of bona fides.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Gunner Thomas Addis Martin, to be Second-Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 11th April, 1927.

Harbour Office reports show that up to nine o'clock this morning, during the last twenty-four hours, 20 vessels arrived and 12 departed, the British figures being four in each case. There were 71 ships in harbour.

Mr. G. F. Taylor, light-keeper at Green Island, has reported to the police that on Wednesday night he left a satchel containing departmental papers in a taxi which took him to Kennedy Town on his return to Green Island.

Before Lieut. Commander G. F. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning, the mistresses of two junks were summoned for dragging in the Noyal anchorage without permission. They were each fined \$5 or five days.

The Singapore Municipal Commissioners have issued invitations to a ceremony at Gunong Pulai, Johore, on Sunday, the 24th inst., when the Sultan of Johore will declare open the pipe-line bringing the first supply of water from Johore to Singapore.

A sum of \$6,000 which was to have been paid to the Sun Tong Yick drug-shop at Bonham Strand, did not reach its destination, and a search is now being made for a fohi who was entrusted with the money. The matter was reported to the police yesterday.

There were two fresh cases of typhoid fever, two fresh cases of diphtheria and one fresh case of small-pox reported to the local health authorities yesterday. With the exception of one of the cases of diphtheria (Indian) all the sufferers were Chinese.

In view of various conflicting rumours, says the *Malay Mail*, we are glad to be able to state that we understand that at the expiration of his fortnight leave the Hon. Mr. W. Peel, C.M.G., will return to Kuala Lumpur as Chief Secretary to the Government.

For returning from banishment a Chinese was sentenced to eight months' hard labour by Major C. Willson this morning. Police evidence was given to show that the man was banished four months' ago for a period of ten years but he returned to the Colony yesterday. Defendant said a friend intended to take him to Macao from his native place, and he had no idea the junk would call in at Hongkong.

BROKERS' RICKSHAS.

NOT PERMITTED TO
OBSTRUCT.

During the hearing of a summons against a ricksha coolie at the Central Magistracy this morning, for obstruction through the parking of his vehicle at a prohibited spot, Mr. F. A. Fulcher, of Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, said that the coolie was one of the rickshamen employed by this firm; and with regard to the nature of the offence, said that it had been understood that brokers who had their offices in the new Exchange Building were permitted to park their rickshas in the alleyway between that building and Powell's.

The Indian Traffic Sergeant who took out the summons, stated however, that the offence occurred in Des Voeux Road; and he gave evidence to the effect that the defendant was seen to squat down with his ricksha for some time outside the premises of Messrs. A. S. Watson.

Mr. Fulcher then said that he had been wrongly informed as to the locality of the offence. The coolie was fined \$5.

PIRATES FRUSTRATED.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OFFERS CONGRATULATIONS.

During the year under review there has been a marked increase in the number of piracies in South China waters, says the Chamber of Commerce report for 1926. These depredations under shipping are for the most part of two well marked types. In the case of local steamers, offered by Europeans and manned by a Chinese or other native crew, the pirates usually embark as passengers and take the ship by surprise at a convenient opportunity.

In most of these cases it has been the custom to compel the ships' officers to steer for the notorious pirates' headquarters, Bias Bay (in Chinese territory a few hours steam from Hongkong), and there unload loot and, sometimes, take passengers away to be held to ransom.

In number beyond all computation is the second type of attack, in which pirates in small craft levy an unceasing toll upon Chinese junks, towed launches, fishing boats and other vessels in the waters of South China. To the Hongkong police authorities alone as many as twenty-one piracies of this kind were reported during 1926 and this number forms but a tithe of those which take place in neighbouring waters.

The Recapture of the s.s. "Sunning."

When passengers produce arms and make a surprise attack upon the handful of European officers in charge of a steamer manned by a Chinese crew (on whom in practice no dependence can be placed for assistance in defence) it is not surprising that the pirates usually make an easy capture. The case of the China Navigation Company's steamer, *Sunning*, was, however, a notable exception. On November 15, 1926, a gang of armed pirates who embarked as passengers gained control of the vessel while she was approaching Hongkong from Amoy.

Mr. Thomas Parke Beatty (Chief Officer) and Mr. Joseph William Hurst (the Second Officer) decided to make an attempt to recapture the ship. They managed to secure some arms which had been overlooked and they proposed to take unawares the pirates within the bridge gridded area and so regain possession of that defensible portion of the ship. This was done.

Two pirates were knocked down with the deep sea lead and there ensued for some hours a sharp encounter with about sixteen pirates who endeavoured by a vigorous attack in force to retake the bridge.

The pirates were evidently prepared to stick at nothing in order to regain control. They used the Chief Engineer (Mr. George Cormack) and Chinese passengers as screens against the bullets from the bridge. In consequence, the Chief Engineer was wounded but, being rescued by the holders of the bridge, he also took part in the fight. In an attempt to enforce surrender the pirates set fire to the ship, but the defenders stood fast.

Appreciation of Courage.

The Committee is sure that members will desire that an expression of warm appreciation be placed on record by the Chamber of the courageous conduct of Captain Pringle, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Hurst and Mr. Cormack—and of Mr. William Orr and Mr. Andrew Duncan, (second and third Engineers respectively), who heartily supported them—on this occasion. In the face of great odds they carried out with daring and resource an enterprise of great difficulty and danger, and heroically maintained their stand even when the pirates did their worst by setting fire to the ship.

CHINESE BUYING SHIPS.

EFFORTS TO BE INDEPENDENT
OF CHARTERING.

Within the space of four months, from January to April, the Norwegian s.s. "Drufar," "Childar," "Pasant," "Drafn," "Eiger," "South Africa," "Alm" and "Forde" the German s.s. "Weimar" and the British s.s. "Haifoong" were sold to Northern Chinese, who, having the advantage of a cheaper portage bill, and not so strict a Survey, were not very particular regarding the condition of the various steamers they acquired, says the Chamber of Commerce Report for 1926. In several instances, owners accepted payments of purchase prices in instalments. To Hongkong Chinese, only three steamers were sold during the year.

Chinese millers in Haiphong and Saigon are making every effort to be independent of timechartering, and are still in the market for the purchase of additional modern cargo and passenger steamers for their own business.

The Very Idea!

Among the advertisements in the Russian daily, *Novoye Russkoye Slovo*, was the following:
With the object of matrimony wish to correspond with an intelligent human being, who has some savings.—*New York Evening World*.

The grocer put it on the porch:
Two pounds of liverwurst.
The family never found it 'cause
A stray dog got there first.

More schoolboy howlers:—
Blood consists of two sorts of cork-screws, red cork-crews and white cork-screws.
Avogadro's Law is as to whether a molecule consists of one, two, or three atoms. It one, it is called a monad, if two, a dyad, and so on.

A fugue is what you have when a room is full of people and the doors and windows are shut.

Willesden magistrate, to a deserted wife: Have you evidence of your husband's means? Wife: I have seen him out shopping for his landlady.

Magistrate at Willesden: What sort of a son has he been to you? The mother: Quite a good boy, sir; anyhow, better than his father, who has run away.

A resident of Gorgonzola, Italy, owed his wealth to the fact that his name had sweeter associations than that of his native town. A firm of perfumers in Cologne scoured Italy for some one with the legal right to bear the name Johann Maria Farina, so that they might make him their partner and trade under his name, which was borne by the original inventor of Eau-de-Cologne many years ago.

He was found in Gorgonzola and was induced to lend his presence and his name to the Cologne business. The business prospered, and two years later Signor Farina was pensioned off and returned to Italy, where he died.

The original firm of Cologne water makers have tried repeatedly to stop their rival's business, and the story of Signor Farina, of Gorgonzola, has now been revealed in a lawsuit. The judges decided that that business in which he had been a sleeping partner had the right to trade under his name.

Twenty men, a geyser, and a gas company were all involved in a red-tape Gilbertian comedy enacted at Albany-mansions, Albert Bridge-road, S. W. 11.

The one person who fails to appreciate the joke is the tenant, Mrs. Marcotly.

"The episode may throw light on the vexed question of the high price of gas in certain districts," said Mrs. Marcotly to a *Daily Express* representative yesterday.

"A fortnight ago my bathroom geyser sprang a slight water leak in one of its joints. I telephoned the gas company, and was informed that they would be unable to send until the following morning.

"I then mended the leaking geyser temporarily with a lump of soap, and went out. Upon my return I found that two men had called during the afternoon, and these were followed—since geyser men always hunt in couples—by two more at 7 o'clock in the evening. Two more turned up the next morning, and I was told the geyser was repaired.

"Two days later a new geyser was unloaded upon me without any previous warning, and the thirteenth and fourteenth men—others called in the interval during the afternoons—discovered the wrong geyser had been sent. The right one was eventually fixed by Nos. 17 and 18, and when I ventured to presume that they were the last of the company I was informed that I was nearly correct; it now only remained for one man to call and affix a label to the geyser, and for the inspector to inspect it."

PREMIER'S HEALTH.

BENEFICIAL EFFECTS OF
REST.

London, April 21.
It is officially stated that the Premier (Mr. Stanley Baldwin) who has lately felt the strain of his work, has benefited greatly from his rest at Chequers, where he went last Wednesday week and is now restored to health.

For the present, however, he will reduce the number of his public engagements as much as possible. He returns from Chequers next Monday in readiness for the re-assembling of Parliament on the following day. Later in the year, he hopes to fulfil a programme of engagements which has been made for him, including the addressing of mass meetings in England and Scotland.—*British Wireless*.

COLONY'S SHIPPING FIGURES.

FURTHER TONNAGE DECREASE IN 1926.

EFFECT OF BOYCOTT.

The effect on Hongkong's trade of the unreasonable anti-British manifestations in South China is indicated by a further decrease of 4,648,220 tons in the aggregate tonnage of shipping entering and leaving Hongkong during 1926.

The total for 1926 as shown by comparative tables in the annual report of the Chamber of Commerce was 36,821,364 tons, as against 41,469,584 tons in 1925, compared with 56,731,077 in 1924 and with 53,402,239 tons in 1923. It will be observed that the aggregate tonnage has dropped nearly 40 per cent. since the pinnacle was reached in 1924.

Of principal interest are the figures relating to ocean-going traffic. They make it clear that the falling off has been due to the failure of the smaller vessels to visit Hongkong. The total traffic is represented in 30,231 vessels of 28,371,104 tons aggregate as against 41,336 vessels of 22,179,053 tons in 1925, and 57,765 vessels and 38,770,499 tons in 1924.

Although the decrease in the number of vessels entering was over 25 per cent., the decrease in tonnage was only 12 per cent. These figures refer to the years 1925 and 1926.

British Traffic Steadier.

Confining the figures to ocean-going steamers it is found that British shipping has not proportionately decreased with foreign shipping. During 1926 the number of ocean-going steamers entering and clearing was 7,869 (3,401 British and 4,468 foreign); the aggregate tonnage was 21,314,696 (9,257,117 British and 12,057,579 foreign). In 1925 the figures were 9,679 vessels of an aggregate tonnage of 23,653,774, with British figures 3,816 vessels and 9,856,820 tons. While 1,295 fewer foreign steamers representing a decrease of 1,729,675, visited Hongkong, the British figures were 515, and 699,403 tons respectively.

It is notable that British river steamers increased by 18,314 tons to 5,474,429 tons in 1926, while foreign river steamers decreased by 345,143 tons to 107,735 tons, a net decrease by foreign companies during the year of over 75 per cent. The British figures were only just over 200,000 tons below those of 1924.

ENGLISH BANK RATE LOWERED.

DUE TO LARGE GOLD HOLDINGS.

CHEERED ON 'CHANGE.

London, April 21. The Bank of England discount rate is fixed at four and a half per cent.—*Reuter*.

A Surprise Decision.

Later. The recent large influx of gold to the Bank of England led to a revival of talk of a early reduction in the Bank Rate, but the decision to-day came somewhat as a surprise and has given encouragement not merely in city circles but to trade generally. British securities are immediately showing increased activity and strength.—*Reuter*.

Cheered on 'Change.

London, April 21. The announcement that the bank rate had been lowered from five to four-and-a-half per cent. was cheered on the Stock Exchange where it was posted up to-day.

The Rate had stood at five per cent. since December, 1925. Financial circles had been confidently expecting a early reduction. The stock of gold held by the Bank of England, is now only about £2,000,000 less than it was before the country returned to the gold standard two years ago and it is still flowing in. It was generally anticipated that the Bank directors when they lowered the rate would act with their usual caution by taking off only one half per cent.

A cut in the rate from five to four per cent. has not been made in one stroke since 1908, although in that period there have been numerous reductions from five to four per cent. by way of four-and-a-half per cent.—*British Wireless*.

Owing to the destruction caused by the liparis monacha, a moth which ravages large tracts of coniferous woods, the Czechoslovak Forestry Department has decided to fight it by means of lead and arsenic compound dropped from aeroplanes.

CRIME MENACE.

SINGAPORE PLEA FOR RESTRICTIONS.

ARMED CHINESE PROBLEM.

In view of the report of intimidation in Singapore, in connexion with the Chinese boycott of the tram service, given in a news cable to-day, the following from the *Straits Times* of Thursday last week is of special interest:

A correspondent signing himself "An Old Citizen" suggests that the methods of some forty years ago in dealing with the suppression of secret societies are worthy of present imitation. "Secret societies," he adds, "seem to have been at the bottom of all these troubles." Local history certainly shows that resolute action was taken with every success in the time of Mr. Alexander Pickering, the first Protector of Chinese in Singapore, and Mr. G. T. Hare and others, and though it is not certain that the secret societies as then known find their prototype in the agitators responsible for the present trouble, it seems obvious that some of the methods of the forerunners of the present authorities might well be copied to advantage.

Lawlessness among a certain element of the Chinese population has been a factor to deal with throughout Singapore's history. Mention of it is found as early as 1830, and trouble with unlawful societies has been a recurring problem ever since. It is no excuse to say that the present trouble, which has made itself evident in the boycott of the Tramway Company, is an inevitable repercussion of events in China. There were serious troubles in China twenty-seven years ago, when the word Boxer became prominent, but there is no evidence that the peace of the Straits Settlements was threatened.

The boycott problem is not easy to handle as it is difficult to get at the ringleaders, but we refuse to believe that the authorities find themselves powerless to do anything to stop it. Resolute action now may prevent more serious trouble, perhaps an extension of the boycott to other services, later on. It is necessary to show the agitators that their methods do not pay, and it is surely not beyond the wit of our Government officials, particularly those who have made Chinese affairs their special study, to devise some means of getting at the root of the trouble.

The tram boycott is one question. There are others which demand instant attention. There have been several prosecutions for disseminating seditious literature, but still the nuisance goes on. Small bills printed with Chinese characters are posted up, often even in such places as Cavenagh Bridge, and attract their crowds of readers. The posting up of such notices is easy enough, of course, when the perpetrators watch their opportunity, and perhaps it is impossible for the police to keep a watch on all the printing shops in the town. For all we know, these bills may refer to such innocent matters as pink pills and theatrical entertainments, but it is inevitable that they are regarded with suspicion by those whose education did not include a study of Chinese characters. We trust that the colony possesses a sufficient number of officers, European as well as Asiatic, to whom the reading of Chinese presents no mystery, and it is not unreasonable to suggest that the present is an opportune time when the law regarding facilities to print and publish any kind of matter might be made much more stringent.

Stricter Measures.

Stricter law in this respect and also such matters as night schools, secret societies and the like would make the task of the police in preserving the peace of the settlement considerably less difficult.

In connexion with the recent dastardly murder of Mr. C. P. W. Flynn, a correspondent called attention to another very important point, namely the possibility of undesirable people obtaining arms through quite legitimate channels.

Unlicensed Firearms.

Licences for firearms are never granted without full enquiry by the Police, and in the ordinary course of events the usual restrictions are no doubt sufficient. But these are times when restrictions might well be tightened, and the authorities might consider whether it is not possible for something to be done in this matter of gun licences. Our correspondent suggested the calling in of all licences. This, of course, is hardly practicable, but it is feasible to suggest that the whole system of granting licences should be very carefully revised. The matter of the illicit import of arms is watched as carefully as possible, and it is doubtful whether anything more can be done in this direction. Ships are searched, and men caught smuggling arms are sternly punished. The licence system may afford a loophole, small though it is, for undesirable people to be able to get hold of deadly weapons. The

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended April 21st, 1906.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 0.11/16d.

The Indo-China steamer *Loong-wo*, built for the Yangtze trade, was launched at Kowloon Dock. She was christened by Mrs. Dickson, the wife of the Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickson, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.

The Superiress and Sister of the Asile de la Sainte Enfance made an appeal for funds to build a new Hospital at Wongneichong.

A wireless telegraphy expert was appointed to the China Station.

A telegram reports the disastrous earthquake of San Francisco.

The British Minister in Peking addressed the Waiwupu in the matter of the China Merchants S. N. Company being allowed to carry goods and being charged lighter Custom rates. He demanded that the same privileges be accorded to shippers in British bottoms.

The death is recorded in Shanghai of Mr. T. McNaughton, senior engineer in Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's service.

Capt. Outerbridge, of s.s. *Taiming*, brought in tow to Hongkong the American barque *Alta*, which wrecked on Naie Reef in the great typhoon of September, 1905. The s.s. *Alta* was sent to Kowloon Dock for repair.

The first meeting of the season of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club was held. Among the members of the Committee were: Lieut-Col. Aitken, Major Parker, Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton, C. H. Ross, J. A. Jupp, H. P. White. Mr. C. G. Mackie was Hon. Secretary.

The Chinese Government despatched urgent telegrams to the Ministers in London and Washington protesting against the approval of Great Britain and America that Japanese assistance be given to Chinese police with a view to affording adequate protection to foreigners in China.

Owing to the illness of Inspector John Gauld, Inspector Goulas was transferred to No. 2 Police Station.

The wedding is announced in Shanghai, on April 12th, of Mr. George F. Hutton-Potts, to Miss Bessie Stuart Wallace.

Among the golfers for the Robertson Farewell Cup at Happy Valley were the following: Dr. G. M. Harston, Dr. C. Forsyth, Messrs. C. E. H. Beavis, E. V. D. Parr, A. Brooke-Smith, T. S. Forrest, J. Clark, and W. W. G. Ross, the latter being the winner.

A large number of friends wished the Hon. Mr. Robert Shewan *bon voyage* on his departure for England on holiday by the *Empress of India*.

H. E. Lin Shao-nien, Governor of Kwangsi, memorialised the Throne for permission to transfer his headquarters from Kweilin to Nanning.

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On the night of April 12, about nine o'clock, Inspector Kemp and some native policemen raided the schools in the centre of the road. The gamblers resented interference and attacked the police, shouting "Pah!" A fierce struggle ensued, but only three arrests were effected.

The next morning in the Third Court, the three Chinese were charged with gambling, and a fine of \$25 or six weeks' rigorous imprisonment was imposed.

Thomson Road district has an unsavoury reputation. In addition to the murder of Mr. Flynn, it was the scene of another outrage some months ago, when a well-known Towkay was killed by Chinese gunmen, who disappeared without trace.

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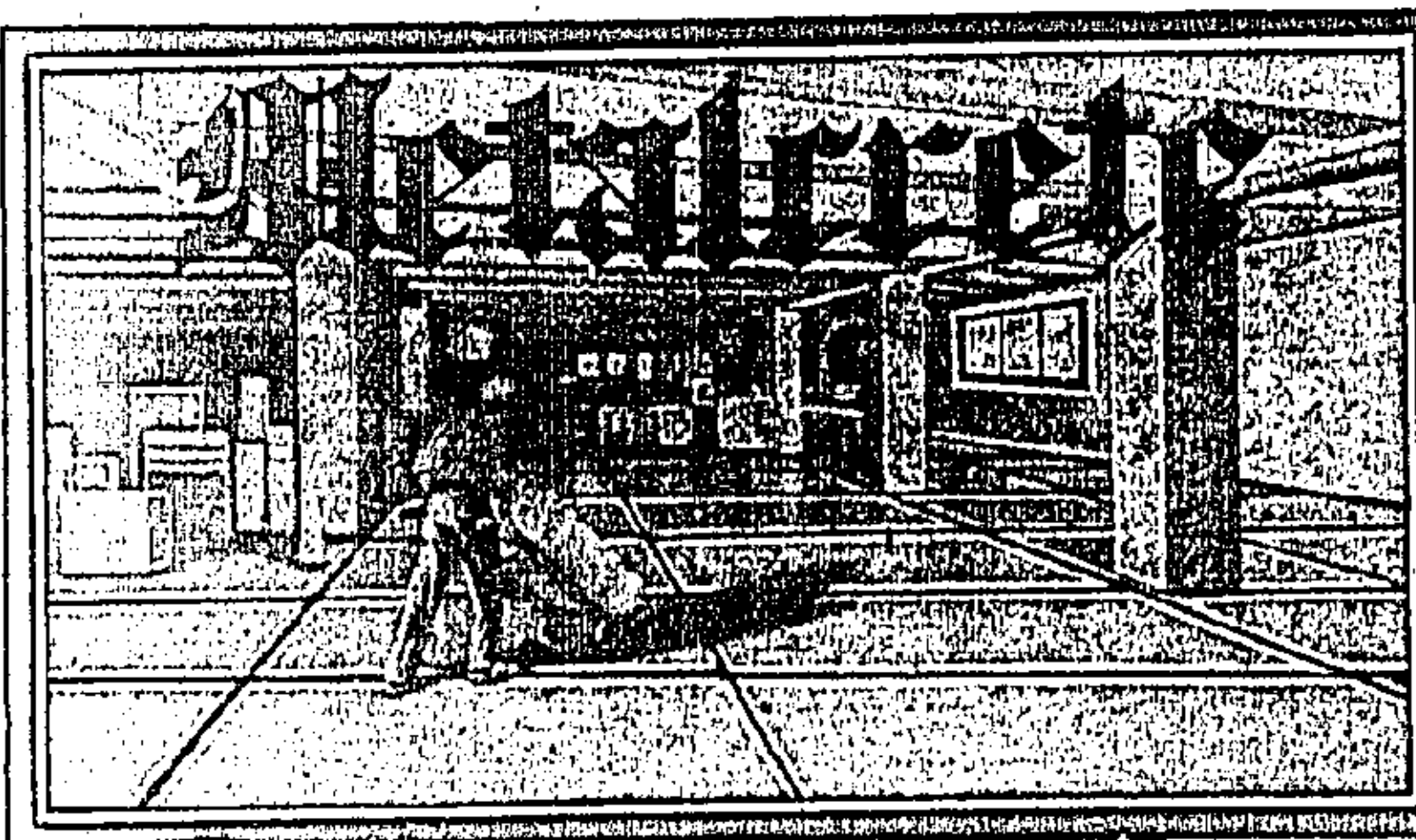
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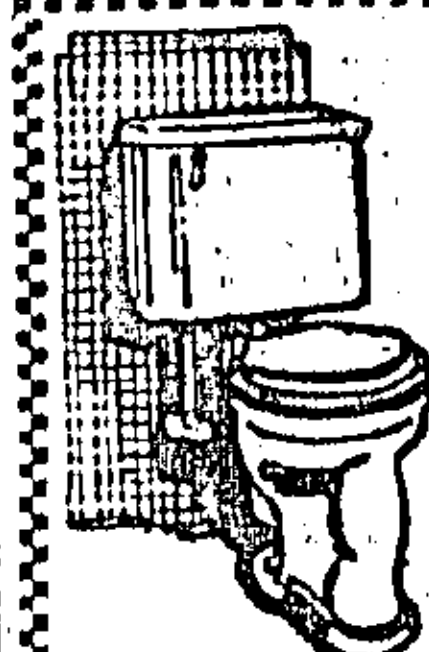
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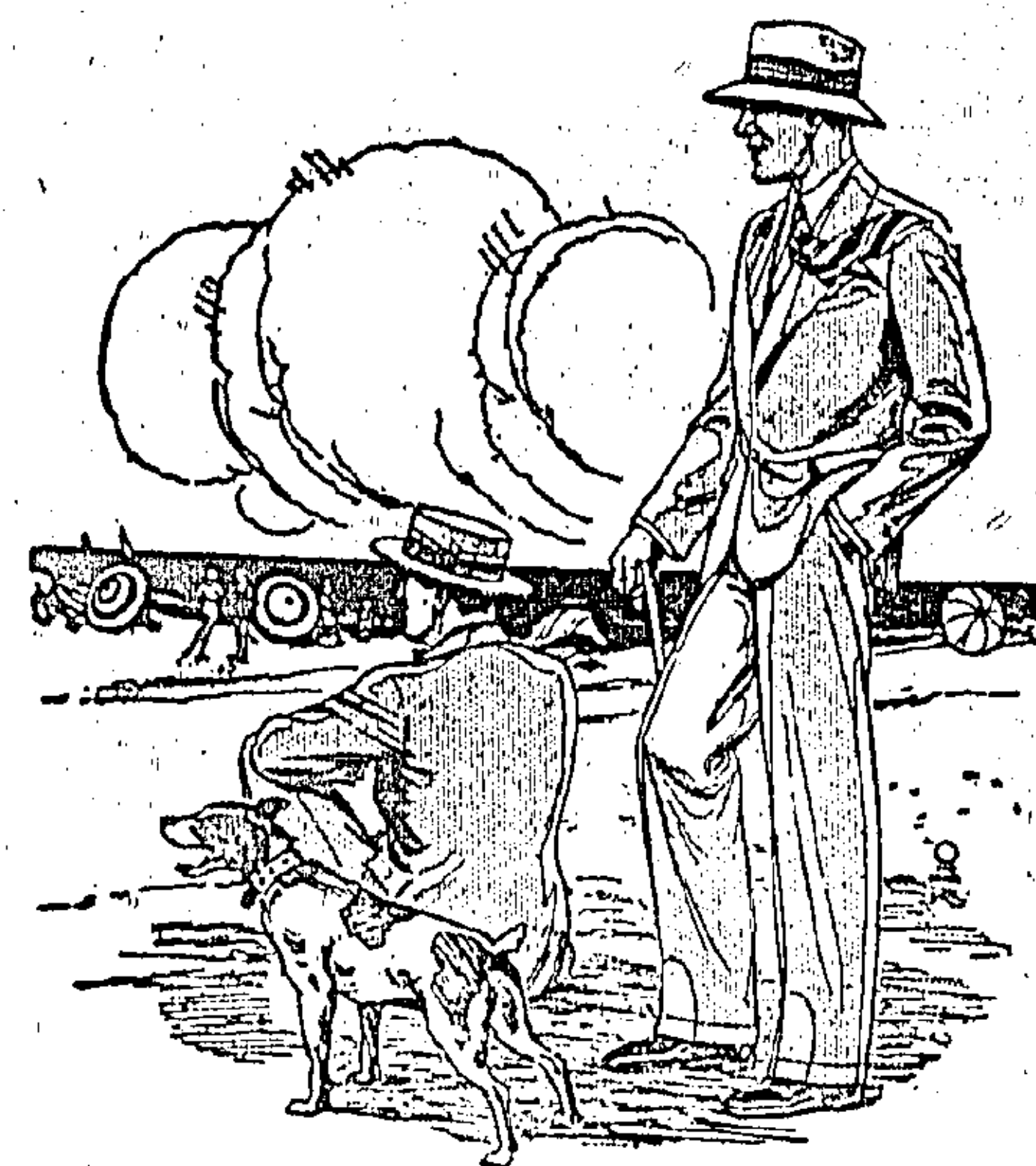
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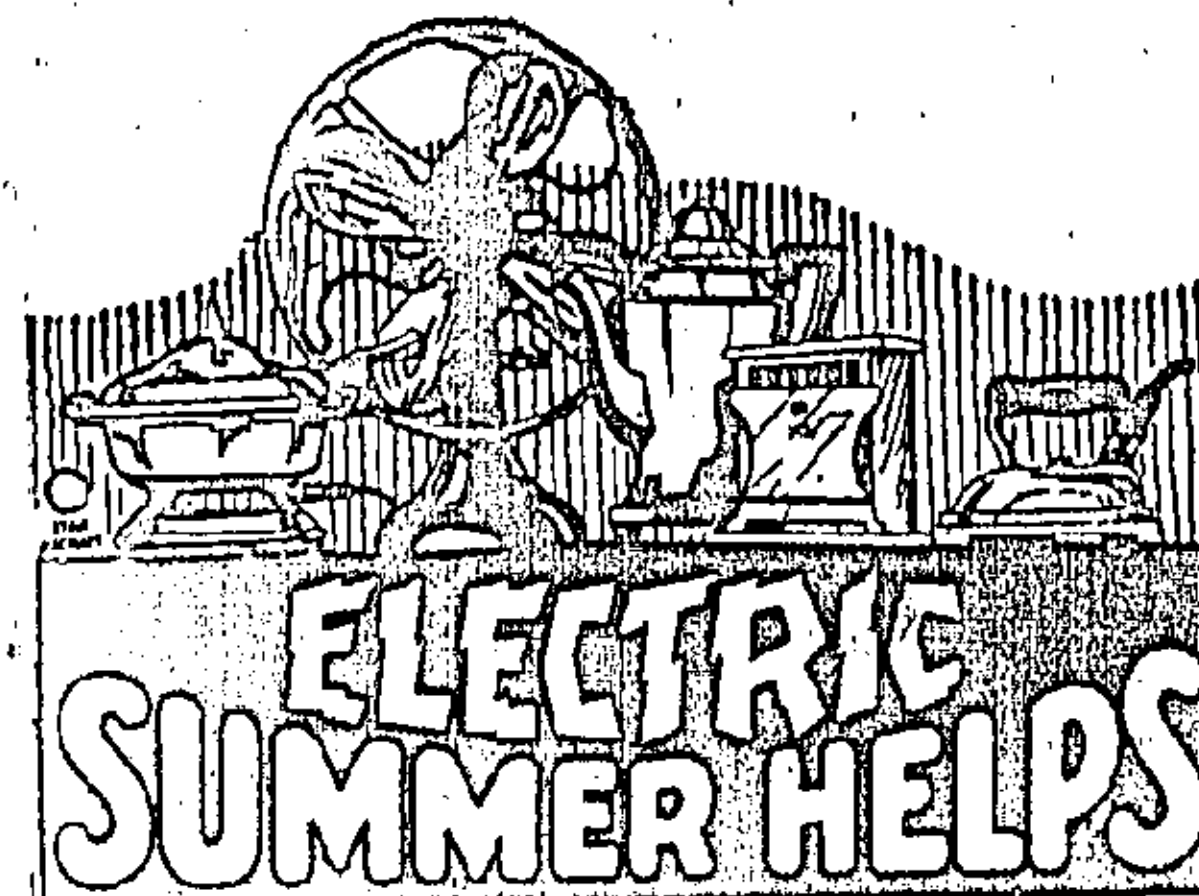
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POLITICAL SITUATION.

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A brief account of the political situation and of the boycott of Hongkong shipping and trade by Canton and Swatow, is contained in the annual report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, just issued, from which we take the following extracts:

This boycott continued during the greater part of 1926 and although negotiations were opened up between the Hongkong Government and the authorities in Canton there was no improvement in the situation until September. On the 18th of that month the Canton Government, through Mr. Eugene Chen, informed H.B.M. Consul-General that arrangements had been made to terminate the boycott of British goods on October 10th and that an extra tax of 2½ per cent. would be levied on all foreign imports. On October 9th a formal announcement was made that the boycott would be lifted next day.

Thereafter trade began to be resumed and although there were many difficulties to be contended with, these were gradually overcome and by the close of the year a fair volume of trade was being carried on between the two ports. The losses sustained by merchants both in Canton and Hongkong during the strike and boycott, which had lasted for sixteen months, were very great and this fact, combined with the sense of insecurity in the neighbouring provinces due to civil war, piracy, banditry, heavy taxation and the lawless activities of uncontrolled labour unions, indicate that it will be a long time before trade in South China returns to its normal state.

With the seizure by a mob of the Concession at Hankow and the negotiations between Mr. O'Malley, representing the British Government, and Mr. Eugene Chen, representing the "Nationalist" Government, relating to the conditions under which the Concession is to be governed in future the political situation enters upon a new phase the outcome of which it is difficult to foresee. Expression may fittingly be given here to the sense of relief which came

to foreign residents in China at the decision of the Powers interested in the International Settlement at Shanghai to concentrate a Defence Force there, lest there be a repetition of the events which occurred at Hankow or an outbreak of disorder in the Settlement through the assembling there of fugitives from contending Chinese armies.

Honorary Membership.

The Secretary of the London Chamber of Commerce, wrote on July 9 stating that it had been decided by the Council of the London Chamber that members of overseas Chambers who might be visiting the United Kingdom should be given honorary membership of the London Chamber of Commerce for a period not exceeding three months, provided they were introduced by their home Chambers. Cards for the purpose of these introductions were enclosed. The Chamber replied that members would have pleasure in availing themselves of the arrangement when occasion arose.

Yunnanese Scholarships.

The Government wrote on February 19, 1926, that, of the four scholarships for Yunnanese students (two maintained by the Government and two by the Chamber of Commerce), the two which came into effect on January 1, 1926, would expire at the end of 1926. The Government asked whether the Chamber considered it desirable that two further scholarships be awarded on similar conditions with effect from January, 1927. The Chamber wrote on April 19 that it was prepared to make the same contribution, as before, namely, \$2,240 per annum, and the vacant scholarships were accordingly filled. The new students came into residence at the end of the year. As customary, they will spend their first year at St. Stephen's College, Hongkong.

Membership.

During the year there were eleven withdrawals from membership of the Chamber—two on account of death—and the following accessions: Mr. Frank Austin, Messrs. W. R. Grace and Co., The China Agency and Trading Co., of Hongkong, Ltd., Messrs. A. P. Leong Hin-kee and Co.

Their election by the Committee requires confirmation at the annual meeting.

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SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SPORTS.

Despite threatening weather and the unfavourable condition of the track, St. Joseph's College held their 11th Annual Athletic Sports on the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday. Commencing from 12 noon a heavy list of thirty-two events were gone through without a hitch.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mr. E. Ralphs presented the prizes to the winners. Before doing so he said: "I do want to thank you all for asking me to come and distribute the prizes to-day. I always enjoy coming to St. Joseph's College because I always get a warm welcome and am made to feel that I am amongst very old friends. I would like to congratulate the winners—and not only the winners—but all those who took part, and with their determination made the sport the success it has proved to be. It was a very successful sports meeting and I hope that before long you will have a fine college in Kowloon with very extensive football and cricket fields attached. That is coming in the not very distant future. When that comes, I feel that you will be able to go on with your sports very much better than you have done so far."

(Applause.) After the prizes were distributed, the Revd. Bro. Aimar presented Mr. Ralphs with a small silver sailing junk. In accepting the gift Mr. Ralphs said he would always treasure it as it would remind him of his pleasant association with St. Joseph's College.

The Revd. Bro. Aimar in a few words then thanked all those who have helped to make the sports that afternoon a success. He also thanked those who have contributed to the Prize Fund and he thanked the many friends and supporters of the College who have come to see the events. The School Championship was won by C. Figueroa as also was challenge cup for 440 yards, presented by the Cable Company which this competitor has won on two successive occasions.

Prize Winners.

The prize winners were as follows:—
Long Jump Junior: 1. C. Paley, 2. J. Mark.
Long Jump Senior: 1. Chan Hing, 2. V. Fernandes.
100 Yards Junior: 1. L. Silva, 2. C. Santos.
100 Yards Senior: 1. C. Victor, 2. Lam Ho-yin.
100 Yards Handicap: 1. D. Alves, 2. R. Grestigo, 3. T. Alves.
High Jump Junior: 1. C. Paley, 2.

J. Mark.
High Jump Senior: 1. Lan Ho-yin, 2. C. Wing Yau.
440 Yards Junior: 1. L. Silva, 2. C. Santos.

440 Yards Senior: 1. C. Figueroa, 2. V. Fernandes.
120 Yards Handicap open to boys of the St. Louis Industrial School: 1. Lai Ting, 2. Wai Yuen, 3. Leu Tak.

120 Yards flat race, handicap, open to boys of Kai Lap School: 1. Chan King, 2. Sue Tang, 3. Sak Kwan.
220 Yards Handicap, Junior: 1. R. Campos, 2. Eng Leon.

220 Yards Senior: 1. D. Leonard, 2. G. Victor.
220 Yards Invitation relay race: 1. St. Paul's College.

Sack Race: 1. C. Victor, 2. A. Pereira.
Three Miles Bicycle race: 1. P. Silva, 2. P. Chan.

220 Yards Handicap, open to pupils of Italian Convent: 1. C. Barros, 2. R. Murphy, 3. D. Leonard.

Inter Class relay race junior: 1. Class 5B.
120 Yards Handicap, (St. Mary's School): 1. H. Souza, 2. J. Wong.

1 Mile flat race Senior: 1. C. Figueroa, 2. A. Mills.
1 Mile flat race Junior: 1. J. A. Cruz, 2. J. Murphy.

120 Yards Handicap, (French Convent): 1. J. Walker, 2. I. Frith, 3. N.

Zimmerman.
Inter Class relay race: Class 1.
Ambulance race: 1. Ho Siu-yan, 2. Wu Pak-chuen.

Scouts race: 1. Liu Iu-hong, 2. Tang Yang-shcong.
Hurdle race Junior: 1. L. Silva, 2. C. Santos.

Hurdle race Senior: 1. C. H. Leon, 2. C. Wing Yau.
120 Yards Handicap, (St. Francis School): 1. M. Fisher, 2. M. Bowen, 3. A. Xavier.

Half Mile Junior: 1. L. Silva, 2. S. Lau.
Half Mile Senior: 1. C. Figueroa, 2. A. Mills.

120 Yards potato race: 1. A. Carvalho, 2. E. Lim.
Consolation race Junior: 1. Chan Kok-yu, 2. A. Pereira.

Consolation race Senior: 1. A. Silva Netto, 2. P. A. Xavier.

The Officials.
The General Committee, which sat under the Presidency of the Rev. Bro. Aimar, Director of the College, comprised, in addition to the Brothers of St. Joseph's, Messrs. H. Dixon, J. P. Braga, J. M. Noronha and J. P. Xavier.

The Working Committee comprised Messrs. C. E. Haynes, S. A. Rumjahn, J. E. Ward, Cheng Wye-sam, R. Chel-vum and J. N. Noronha, with the Rev. Bro. Cassian and Mr. Edward Cheung.

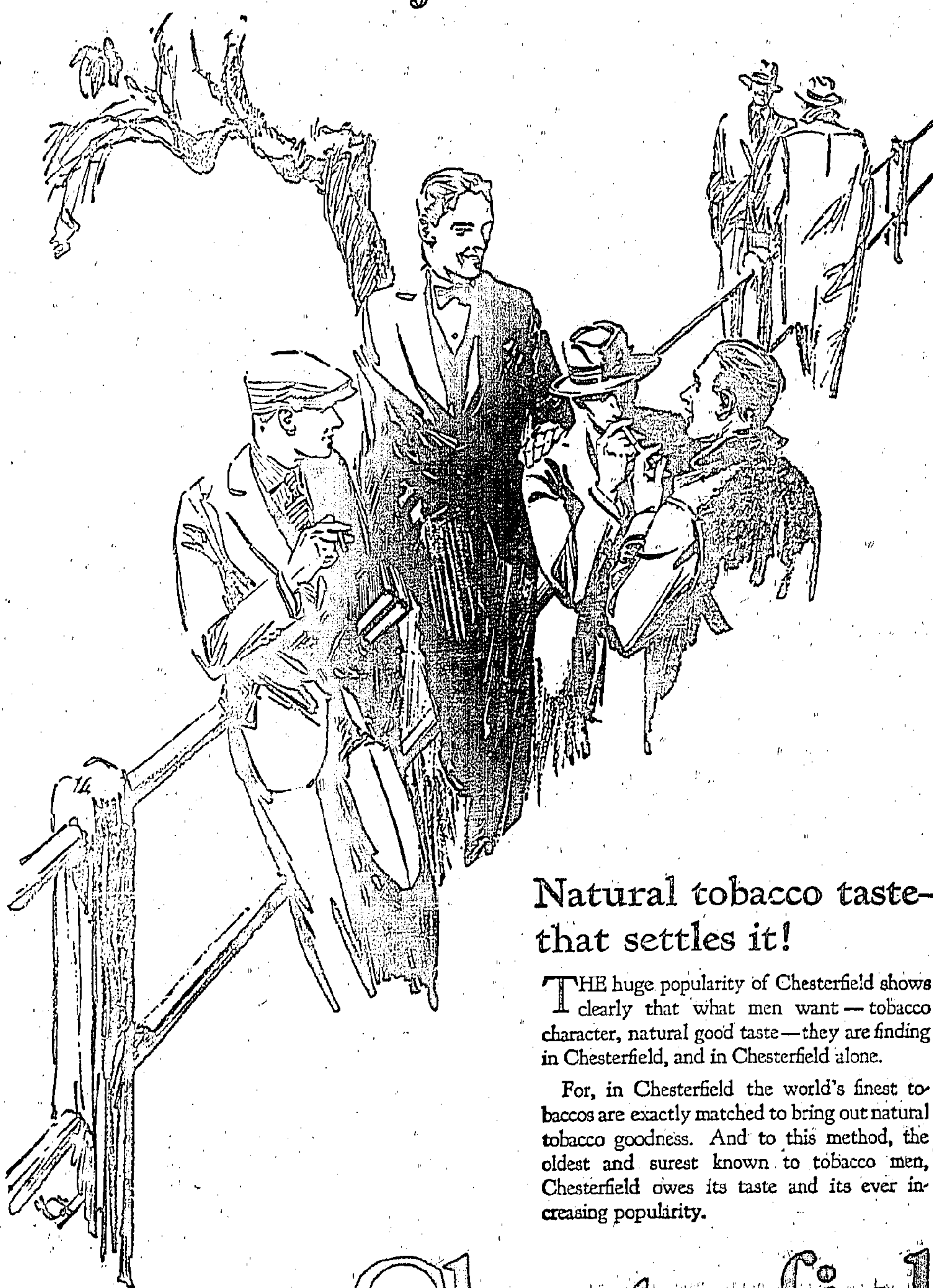
as Joint Hon. Secretaries.
Starter:—Mr. A. W. J. Gilmore; Handicappers:—Messrs. W. E. Cheung and C. Dragon; Time Keepers:—Messrs. A. E. Carvalho, P. Lim and R. Wong; Scorers:—Messrs. Ng Sau-yan and C. M. Houghton.

The Prizes.
In addition to a large number of massive challenge cups which have been keenly competed for during past years, another trophy of this nature was seen yesterday. This was a beautiful cup presented by the Portuguese Staff of the Chartered Bank, which has been allotted as an annual challenge cup for the Junior Half-mile Race. To be won outright, this must be won three years in succession.

We are asked to express the thanks of the College authorities to the following for kindly donating either cups or money for this year's meeting:—Messrs. the Wing On Coy. Ltd., Lane, Crawford Ltd., the New Chon Kwong Coy., the B. A. T. (the "Three Castles" Cup), the Commercial Press Ltd., the Bank of East Asia Ltd., Ma Wing Chan, W. Matthias, Woo Hay Tong, C. E. Haynes, B. M. Talati, V. Rupchand, Mok Kom Sang, Ho Iu, U. L. Mohideen, A. Fong, Sheriff Bros., and Dr. W. T. Cheung.

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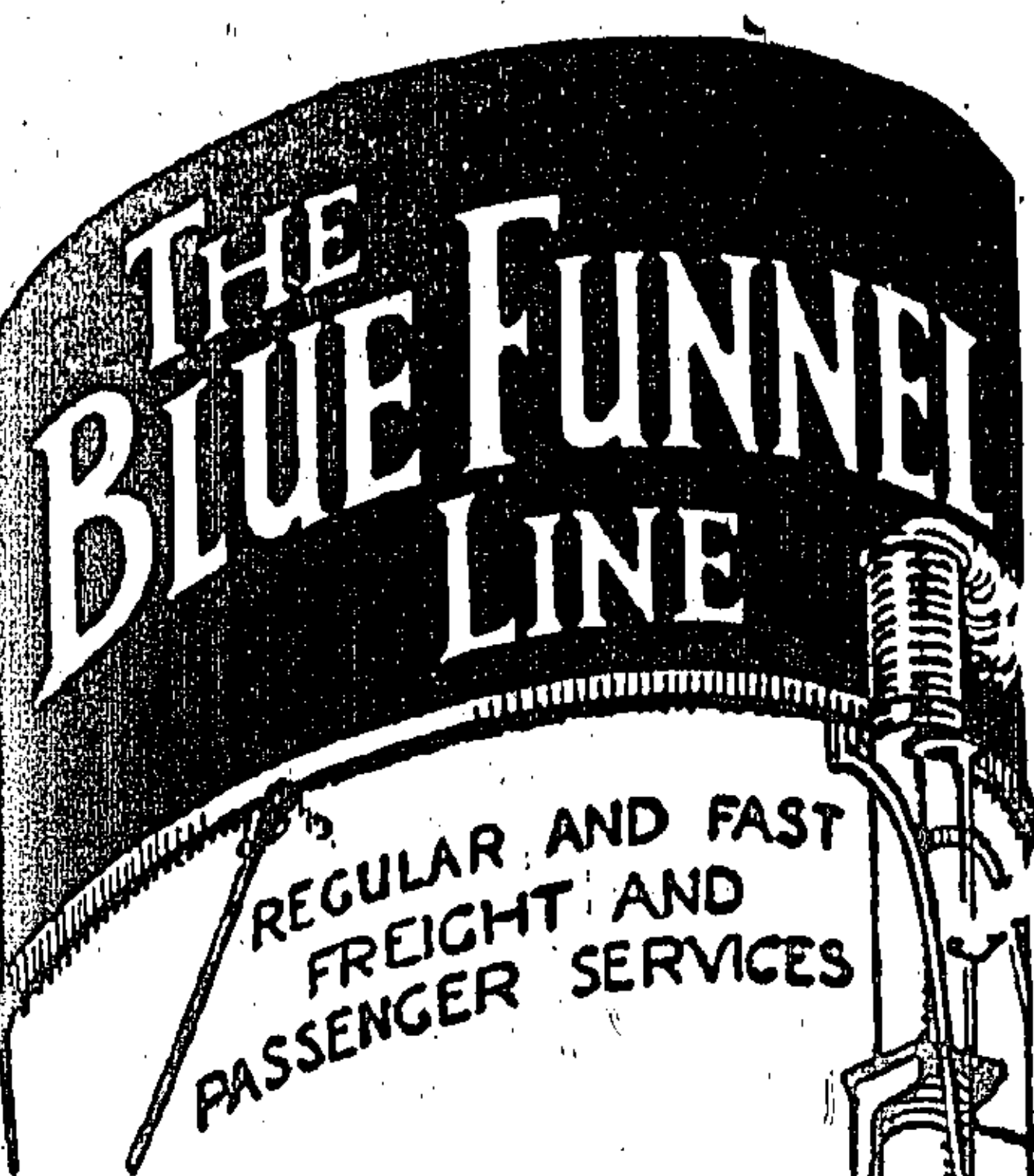
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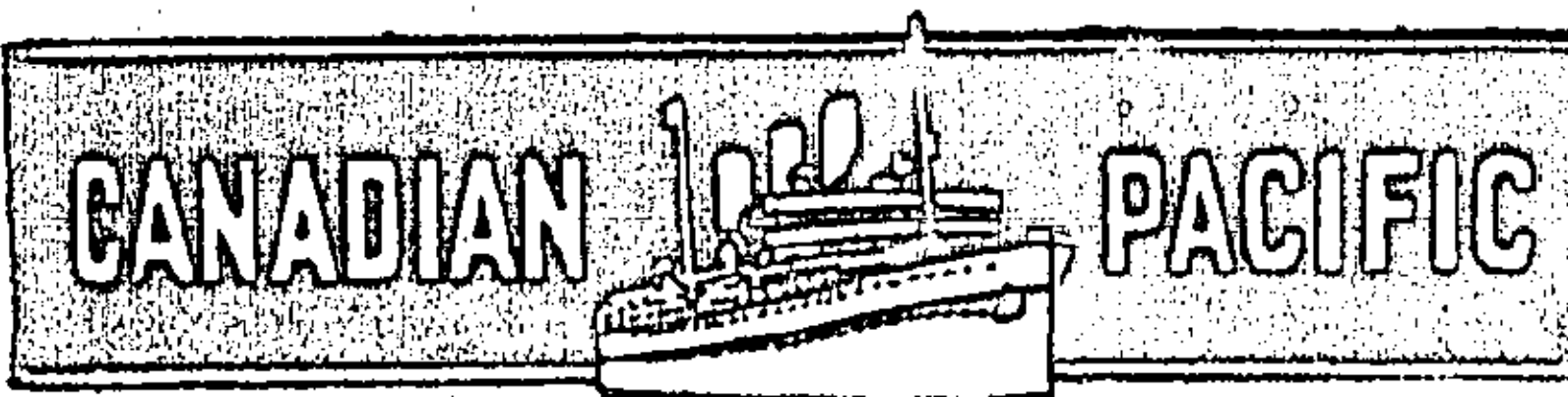
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May 24	San Francisco	Majestic	June 26	C'brg-S'hmpn July 1
June 1	Seattle	Berengaria	June 29	C'brg-S'hmpn July 6
June 7	San Francisco	Olympic	July 9	C'brg-S'hmpn July 15
June 15	Seattle	Aquitania	July 13	C'brg-S'hmpn July 19
June 21	San Francisco	Homeric	July 23	C'brg-S'hmpn July 29
June 29	Seattle	Mauretania	Aug. 5	C'brg-S'hmpn Aug. 3
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DAMAGE TO ANJOU AND WING ON.

A report was made yesterday by Captain C. Mutton of s.s. Wing On (Shui Hing S. S. Co.) that his vessel and the s.s. Anjou were in collision off Wong Mun Customs Station on Wednesday at 8.30 p.m., both ships sustaining minor damages.

It is understood that the wind was north east, force five at the time, while the weather was thick with frequent rain squalls. Both vessels were under examination by the Customs and the Wing On had headway with port helm on and the Anjou sternway with starboard helm on. The stern of the Anjou struck the starboard counter of the Wing On, fracturing the latter vessel's stern and bending the frames. There was a slight leakage, which is now being attended to. Details from the Anjou are not available.

MILITARY BANDS.

PROGRAMME FOR CONCERT ON SUNDAY.

The following is the programme for the massed band concert to be given at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday night. The bands will be those of the 1st Bn. The Cameronians and 2nd Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers. March of the Peers, (Sullivan). Overture, "Maritana" (Wallace). Selection, "Squire's Songs," (Squire). Suit in F. (Holst). Humorous Variations, "Three Blind Mice," (Lottor). Three Dances from Henry VIII, (German). Selection, "Jolanthe," (Sullivan). Grand Military Tattoo, (Rogant).

POLICE OFFICER VINDICATED.

C.S.P.'S PROTEST AGAINST ALLEGATION.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon, Mr. H. Lo in defending a Chinese who was charged with hawking without a licence, described a hawker in these words: "A hawker is a person who travels with a horse, or any other beast of burden, selling goods from house to house."

His Worship intimated at the opening of the case that he understood that there were certain allegations against the police constable.

Mr. Lo said his case was that the man arrested was a *fok* of a firm selling camp beds etc., in certain premises and that the constable went there to arrest the man knowing that he was a *fok* of the firm and that therefore no licence was necessary. He knew that defendant was an employee of the shop and that in spite of his knowledge he caused the defendant to be arrested.

After hearing the police evidence, Mr. Lindsell remarked that there was nothing to show that the man was actually hawking. The constable had only seen a man bargaining but that did not prove hawking.

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (C. S. P.) asked leave to amend the charge to one of obstruction. His Worship agreed.

Special Licences.

In regard to the allegation against the constable it was stated that there were several shops in the same street which sold camp beds and it was shown that these shops had a special \$24 hawker's licence in order to be able to exhibit their goods outside.

The constable who made the arrest denied that he had previously enquired from the shop whether the defendant was one of their *foks* or not. He had seen defendant before and at the time of the arrest somebody from the shop to which defendant belonged blew a police whistle. Defendant shook off the constable and made for the shop, where the man who was blowing the police whistle informed the constable that he was one of their *foks*.

Mr. Lo stated that in view of the evidence of the prosecution, especially in regard to the special \$24 licence which all the other shops possessed, he felt the allegation was not justified.

Conviction Recorded.

In connection with the charge of obstruction, Mr. Lo put the shopowner and the defendant in the box to show there was in fact no obstruction. The master said that they paid \$95 rent for their shop and all their beds were constructed elsewhere. There was no occasion to exhibit their goods on the pavement outside the shop.

Mr. Lo, addressing His Worship, said it was clear that there was no obstruction. There were other shops who had to resort to hawk outside their shops, but the defendant belonged to a shop where there was plenty of room and he saw no reason why they should have placed their camp beds on the pavement.

Mr. Lindsell convicted the defendant and fined him \$5.

C.S.P.'s Views.

Mr. Wolfe then addressed his Worship regarding the allegation made against the constable. He said: "I would like to protest against the allegation which was made against the police. It is without foundation. I agree that Mr. Lo must have felt justified in bringing it forward, but I think perhaps a little enquiry might have been made."

Mr. Lindsell: Mr. Lo is bound by instructions.

Mr. Wolfe: That may be so, but the allegation will be broad cast in every paper in the Colony.

Mr. Lindsell: There may not be reporters here.

Mr. Wolfe: I maintain that if proper enquiries were made the allegations would never have been brought forward. I might make all kinds of remarks against the defence and then say I am sorry. It seems to me that there ought to be a certain amount of previous enquiry. The present charge is not well founded and therefore one should be more careful.

Impression Justified.

Mr. H. Lo: Since your Worship has expressed the view just now that I am bound by instructions, I don't think it is incumbent on me to say any more except that I was not in a position to make any enquiry that would have altered the view given me by my client.

It seems to me that the impression (without any explanation from the police) was certainly justified, because here was a constable who enquires for a hawker's licence from a man who belongs to a shop.

It would look very suspicious until there is an explanation that

OBSERVATORY SIGNALS.

THE NECESSITY FOR DUPLICATION.

The following reference of duplication of Observatory Signals is contained in the annual report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce:

The Chamber wrote to the Government, on May 12, 1926, stating that the desirability had been considered of duplicating the Time Ball and Typhoon Signals in a position from which they would be more readily visible from the Western area of the Harbour.

Shipping interests were strongly in favour, the urgency of the matter having become more pressing with the completion—then approaching—of the Peninsula Hotel. The Western end of Stonecutters Island commended itself as a suitable second site, and the Chamber had made tentative enquiries of the Naval and Military Authorities with a view to ascertaining if there were any insurmountable objections to its use. A position above, or in the neighbourhood of, Kowloon Railway Station had been suggested in the course of discussion of the subject, but it was the general opinion that the amount of smoke from steamers at wharves in that vicinity rendered the site less suitable for the purpose.

There was apparently no one position in the Harbour from which the signals would be observable from all parts. In the opinion of the Chamber it was essential to shipping that the Time and Typhoon Signals should be visible in the Western area of the Harbour, and the Chamber requested the Government to examine the practicability of the present proposals with a view to early action.

At Kowloon Godown.

As there were difficulties in obtaining a speedy decision with regard to the proposal to use a site on Stonecutters Island, an alternative scheme was put forward by Mr. R. Sutherland, Chairman of the Shipping Sub-Committee of the Chamber, that a mast for displaying, at least, duplicate typhoon distant signals might be installed above the premises of the Hongkong Wharf and Godown Company's premises.

A duplicate time ball, it was realised, would require a substantial structure. General approval of this proposal, and the willing consent of the Wharf Company, were obtained, and the Chamber wrote to the Government, on July 21, 1926, asking for sanction and that the work might be put in hand immediately. The Government replied, on November 12, that arrangements had been made with the Wharf and Godown Company for the erection of a signal staff on the No. 48 Godown at Kowloon Point and that the work would be undertaken by the Company at the expense of the Government. An expression of the Government's thanks to the Chairman and members of the Shipping Sub-Committee for services rendered in this connexion was subsequently received.

PORT DEVELOPMENT.

CHAMBER'S REFERENCE TO NEW SCHEME.

In continuation of references to Harbour Development in Hongkong in previous issues of the Annual Report, the following official statement in connexion with the introduction of the Colonial Budget in October, 1926, is reprinted for the sake of continuity, says the Chamber of Commerce report.

The Ports Development Department has been re-absorbed into the Public Works Department under the supervision of the Director of Public Works, and the separate post of Port Engineer has been abolished—the holder now on leave being transferred to the post of Manager, Railway, which will shortly fall vacant.

This change has been made after the fullest consideration by His Excellency the Governor, who is satisfied that Port Development works are in this Colony so closely interconnected with works falling under the Public Works Department as to make it necessary in the interests of efficiency to bring them all under the same control. Provision has been made under Port Development for one new temporary Engineer to carry out the survey of the Harbour, the necessity for which was recently represented to the Finance Committee.

In other cases hawker's licences were required. The defence could not know this, but in view of the explanation given by the prosecution, of course the position becomes entirely different.

Mr. Lindsell: I accept your explanation.

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In 1925 the trade of the colonies with all countries totalled 27,682,000 francs.—Havas.

AVIATION.

DUTCH PLANE'S NOTABLE FEAT.

Marseilles, April 21.
 A single-engine Dutch monoplane with Mr. Beckman as pilot, left Rotterdam at 10.14 this morning and arrived at 4.53 p.m. with three passengers for the Indian Mail. It covered the 740 miles in a single stage at the average speed of 110 miles an hour.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE BOYCOTT.

PLAIN CLOTHES ARMY.

Singapore, April 21.
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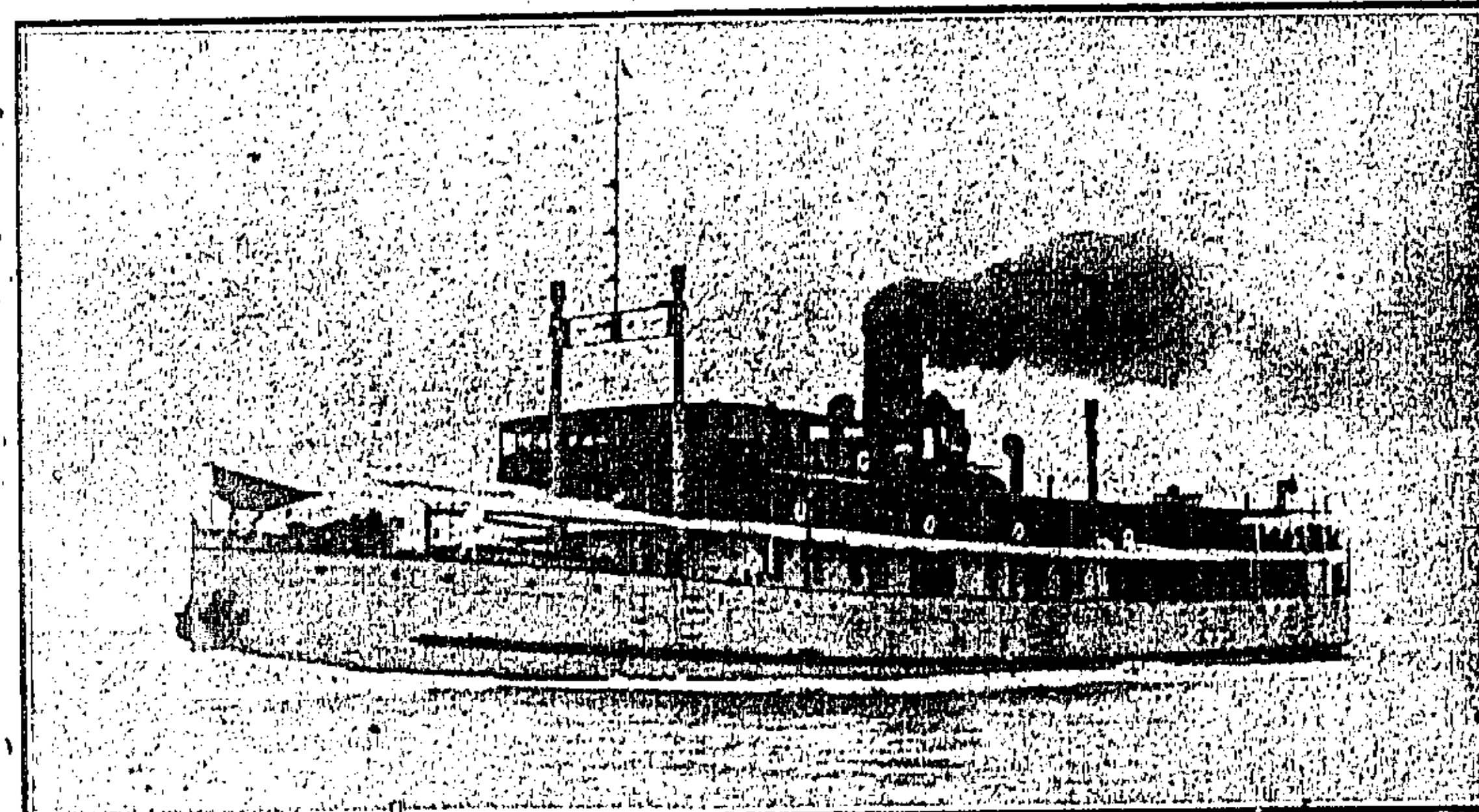
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CRISIS DEVELOPS AT HANKOW.

(Continued from Page 1.)

General Hsu is a chief subordinate to General Li Chai-sun, who is the military chief of the two Kwangs, having been granted by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek the title of acting Commander-in-chief of the Army Headquarters in Canton, at the beginning of the Northern Expedition last year.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

ALLEGED "SQUEEZE"

Hongkong Boycott Echo.

Canton, April 21.
The proposal of Mr. Koo Yin-fan, the new Finance Minister, to collect a month's rent from the landlords in the city for paying the balance of the compensation promised by the Government to the Hongkong-Shamoon strikers, is meeting with public opposition.

According to a recent investigation by the Government, members of the Hongkong Strike Committee, have been making "squeezes" of the funds allotted by the Government to the Committee. It is understood that the strikers in Canton are fewer than 10,000, but strike leaders have entered in the strikers' registry more than 37,000 names, and the payment by the Government of compensation and meal expenses was according to these figures.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

AMERICAN AVIATORS.

Ninety-seven for Shanghai.

Manila, April 21.
The naval transport Gold Star has proceeded to Shanghai with ninety-seven marine aviators aboard.—*Reuter.*

THE SOUTHERN SPLIT.

Chiang Kai-shek Tells Why.

Below is a message by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to the General Labour Union of Kwangtung, the Mechanics Labour Union of Kwangtung, the Revolutionary Workers Joint Federation of Kwangtung, the Oil Workers General Union of Kwangtung, the Students Union of Kwangtung, the Students Union of Canton and the Women's Movement General Alliance, under date of 11th inst.:

"I have received comrade Hu Ching-an and duly noted your letter. You have given me a quite clear account of the root of the troubles in the present situation as well as the evil intrigues of the extremists. The measures to deal with same as proposed by you are also practicable. You have therefore my highest esteem for your enthusiasm towards the party and the nation.

"Out of respect for the wishes of our late Director in admitting the Chinese communist, I have, since the North Expedition been treating them with sincerity without discrimination, hoping that we could work hand in hand to accomplish the National Revolution. Quite unexpectedly, some elements of the Communist Party were of different opinion. They tried to disturb the rear and to discourage our forces when the fighting was at its height before the capture of Shanghai and Nanking.

Being entrusted by the Party with a great responsibility, I cannot throw my duty over under such vexatious circumstances. All I have to do is to adhere to my original resolution of sacrificing myself for the revolution and to support the Three People's Principles in order to console the spirit of our late Director in heaven. I have again to thank you for your appreciation and love that you will unite yourselves strenuously to save the party and the nation."—*Canton Gazette.*

THE CANTON UNIONS.

Authorities' Latest Decisions.

A meeting of the Special Committee now in control at Canton was held on Tuesday at the Military Headquarters. Present at the meeting were General Li Chai-sun, Chen Fu-muk, General Tang Yin-wa, and General Li Fuk-lun. The following proposals were passed:

1. In connexion with the appeal submitted by the Revolutionary Workers' Joint Union for the return of things seized from the headquarters of the Tea Shop and Restaurant Union, it was decided that workers arrested during these few days should be tried by the Military Control Committee, and things seized will be returned when the Union has appointed a re-organizing committee.

2. Telegraph a report on the measures taken by the authorities here to purge the Kuomintang of extremists, to the Central Executive and Control Joint Committee Conference at Nanking.

3. Issue a notification to prohibit oppression of the peasants unions by people's militia and rowdies.

4. Labour unions may not be dissolved without the order of the Special Committee.

RADIO TRAFFIC.

OVER 45,000 MESSAGES
HANDLED LAST YEAR.

A remarkable increase in local traffic is shown by interesting figures contained in the Chamber of Commerce Report, it being mentioned in special reference to the Press that the reception of "Rugby Press" had resulted in approximately a quarter of a million words of news being received from England direct.

It is hoped still further to improve the service in the present year, the report adds.

Radio telegrams exchanged with ships numbered 11,532, containing in all 135,473 words, this being an increase of 2,069 messages and 15,020 words over the previous year. The total number of inter-port traffic messages handled was 10,029, representing 101,665 words, and the total paid traffic messages numbered 25,706, representing 316,661 words.

The unpaid traffic total amounted to 11,722 messages of 506,338 words, which included 364 Rugby Press messages, representing 229,211 words, and 10,389 meteorological messages representing 211,345 words. A total of 795 messages (14,155 words) were exchanged with Pratas Observation Station. Service messages numbered 6,867 containing 113,770 words.

The grand total of all messages handled amounted to 45,296 representing nearly a million words.

UNLICENSED ARMS.

OWNED BY CHINESE IN SINGAPORE.

In the District Court at Singapore on April 14, a Chinese was charged with being in possession of a five-chambered revolver and 100 rounds of ammunition without a licence.

Acting on information received at the detective station, Inspector H. Poulain sent out a sub-inspector to purchase a revolver. The man went to a coffee shop where he met the accused.

The sub-inspector spoke about the purchase of the revolver, but the accused said it was too risky to discuss it there. So the two went to another house, where the accused agreed to sell his revolver and ammunition for \$100. The sub-inspector then sent word to the inspector who came and arrested the man.

Chief Court Inspector Meredith, who prosecuted, said that he wanted his worship to take a serious view of the matter as there were a great many revolvers among the lower class Chinese in Singapore. Even the previous night there was another shooting affair among Chinese, two being killed and several injured.

His Worship sentenced the man to fines amounting to \$600, or seven months' rigorous imprisonment.

PLANES AND TROOPS.

IMPERIAL CO-OPERATION IN AFRICA.

London, April 21.
Four aeroplanes, under the command of Commodore Samson have arrived at Capetown, having completed a flight from Cairo without a hitch.

The machines are of an entirely new type not yet generally introduced in the Air Force, and are fitted with Napier Lion engines. Commodore Samson states that they behaved splendidly every inch of the way. The only mishap was a punctured tyre at Mercom. The machines flew over the Hex River, and mountains at a height of eleven thousand feet.

At Kisumu, in Kenya, they were joined by four machines of the South African Air Force, with which they carried out numerous combined exercises in co-operation with ground troops.

Considerable importance is attached to these combined exercises, which form part of the Air Ministry policy, and demonstrate the ability of aeroplanes to maintain strategic lines of Empire communications.—*British Wireless.*

5. The three railways, Canton-Hankow, Canton-Shamshui, and Canton-Kowloon, will henceforth be under the control of the Reconstruction Department.

6. To add two members, Foo Szolin, and Ho Sze-yunn to the Propaganda Committee, two members, Au-yang Hui, and Hsieh Kin-sing to the Military Control Committee, and two members, Wong Kwong-yuan and Hsieh Sin-tung to the People's Movement Committee.

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TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local shares quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1,035 n.
Chartered Bank, \$21 n.
Morcantile A. & B., \$32 n.
Morcantile C., \$13 n.
P. and O., \$94 n.
East Asia, \$68 n.
Marine Ins.
Canton Ins., \$660 n.
China Underwriters, \$80 n.
North China, \$143 n.
Union Ins., \$286 n.
Yantai Ins., \$33 n.
Fire Ins.
China Fire, \$205 n.
Hongkong Fire, \$600 n.
Shipping
Douglases, \$31 n.
Steamboats, \$21 n.
Tugs, \$110 n.
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$30 n.
Shell Trans., \$5/- n.
Star Ferries, \$53 sa
Waterboats, \$144 n.
Refineries.
China Sugars, \$18 n.
Malabons, \$31 n.
Mining.
Benguets, \$170 n.
Kailans, \$3/- n.

Langkats, \$21 n.
Shai Exploration, \$14 n.
Shanghai Loans, \$7 n.
Rauhs, \$4 n.
Tronchs, \$1/- n.
Ural Caspian, \$1/- n.
Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$33 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$33 n.
Hongkows, \$150 n.
New Engineering, \$15 n.
Shanghai Docks, \$100 n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$690 n.
H.K. Lands, \$55 n.
Realty, \$6 n.
Territorials, \$13 n.
Humphreys, \$12 n.
Princes Bldgs, \$89 n.
Rural Lands, \$11 n.
Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, \$14 n.
Orientals, \$12 n.
Shai Cottons, \$14 n.
Buses, Trams.
China Buses, \$14 n.
Tramways, \$20 n.
Peak Trams, (old) \$15 n.
Spore Tractions, \$11/- n.
Taxis, \$1 n.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$17 n.
Canton Leds, \$5 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$7 n.
China Lights, \$12 n.
China Prov., \$4 sa.
Constructions, \$230 n.

Dairy Farms, \$15 n.
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.
H'kong Electric, \$50 n.
Macao Electric, \$35 n.
Ropes (Old), \$10 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$7 n.
Mackintosh, \$19 n.
Sinceres, \$9 n.
United Asbestos, \$20 n.
Watsons, \$11 n.
Powells, \$6 n.
Telephono, 375 n.

At midnight about 30 police officers, in plain clothes, some being in evening dress, raided the Bullfrogs' Club, Sherwood Street, Piccadilly. No arrests were made, but names were taken of nearly 200 members and guests, who included both men and women. The raid was a complete surprise to members, and officials, one of whom total a Press Association representative, that even now the object was a mystery to everyone connected with the club. There are about 2000 members, many well-known in the City and in theatrical circles. It is one of the best known West End clubs for dancing. Several police officers in evening dress were already in the club at the time of the raid.